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Warfield was chosen by the Conference of Western Wayne to be one of its delegates to the Wayne County Transit Authority. He previously served as an alternate to the WCTA.

Storm fees OK'd

A Canton Township ordinance, expected to take effect in March, will require developers and builders to pay \$150 per lot. These fees will be used for storm water pollution prevention and maintenance. The proposed ordinance can be reviewed at the township engineering services department.

Whyman has new duties

Representative Deborah Whyman, (R-Canton) was appointed to the House Tax Policy and Public Utilities committees. She also was selected to serve on Advanced Technology and Computer Development as well as the Constitutional and Civil Rights committee.

Holidays close offices

Secretary of State Candice Miller announced that all 179 Secretary of State branch offices will be closed on Monday, Feb. 17, in observance of President's Day.



Akeisha Kennedy tries to hop 100 times as part of Elliott Elementary Schools 100th Day of School project. Students throughout the school participated in dozens of activities involving the number 100. MCN photo by Kimberly Woloskie



Ducky prize!

Ann Demetrius of Wayne, 4, checks to see if the duck she selected at a Winter Fest game entitles her to a prize. Several events, including the Wayne and Westland Winter Fests and the Plymouth Ice Sculpture Show have helped Western Wayne residents see the "bright side" of winter in Michigan. MCN photo by Kimberly Woloskie

Langley won't seek 5th board term

Sandra F. Langley, who will be completing her 17th year on the Romulus Community School Board this June, announced Monday night that she will not seek re-election. The terms of both Langley and School Board President Kenneth Berliin expire this summer. Berliin has not made his intentions known yet, but it appears he will seek one more four-year term, associates say. The election will be conducted on June 9. Board candidates need to turn their ballot petitions into the Romulus City Clerk's office by 4 p.m. Monday April 7. The last day to withdraw is April 10. Langley, who now serves as

assistant director of nursing at Taylor Total Living, said she felt it was a "good time for a change on the board. I'm comfortable with the direction the school board is taking right now and feel 1997 is a good time for a change in trustees." Langley said she is proud of the board's record during the time she has been a member and will speak out on that in coming months. Stepping down at this time "was not a hard decision to make," Langley said, and she is happily awaiting news on who the 1997 board candidates will be. Further information on campaign petitions and regulations can be obtained by calling the clerk's office at 942-7540.

Stasak nominated for major award

Romulus second grade teacher Sheila Stasak has been nominated for the Newsweek WDIV Outstanding Teacher Award by her peers at Hale Creek Elementary School. Stasak's educational career in Romulus dates back to 1975 and includes multiple community related activities. The winner of the award will be presented with \$2,000 at an upcoming banquet. All Wayne County nominees, including Stasak, will be recognized at the Wayne County RESA Golden Apple Awards Program on May 7. Stasak's nominators cited her "ability to excite her students into enjoying the process of learning and to increase their knowledge, talents and self esteem." Information on Stasak's qualities were submitted by her principal Lynn Mossoian including the statement "that she never fears taking risks with ideas and strategies in order to increase the student's desire to learn." She also provides her students with "an accepting atmosphere which allows children to make mistakes and to learn from them." Stasak's credo that "everyone has something to share that will make schools a better place for children and staff alike" has been frequently praised by parents and fellow staff members alike. Stasak is the daughter of Romulus Mayor William (Mary) Oakley.

Romulus 'tumor' victim set for major radiation

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Young Cymonne Pyles of Romulus, who will be honored tomorrow night at a special birthday ice cream social-fundraiser at Hale Creek School, will be leaving next Monday for an intensive series of eight week radiation treatments (Monday through Friday) at St. Jude's Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

Cymonne, who will turn nine-years-old tomorrow, has been energetically battling a brain tumor since last Halloween.

Her family also has been the object of various local fund raisers to help them through the tremendous financial crisis created by the cancer problems. To date, Mayor William Oakley (head of the local Friends of Cymonne Committee) estimated about \$17,000-\$18,000 has been collected to aid the Pyles family to date.

Ironically despite the fact that Cymonne has been undergoing chemotherapy treatments since before Christmas, she has been attending her classes at Hale Creek on a daily basis.

Her mother, Deborah, said basically Cymonne only takes time off from school to "keep her doctors' appointments."

Recently the family took several days off to tour Disney World in Florida compliments of the "Make a Wish Foundation."

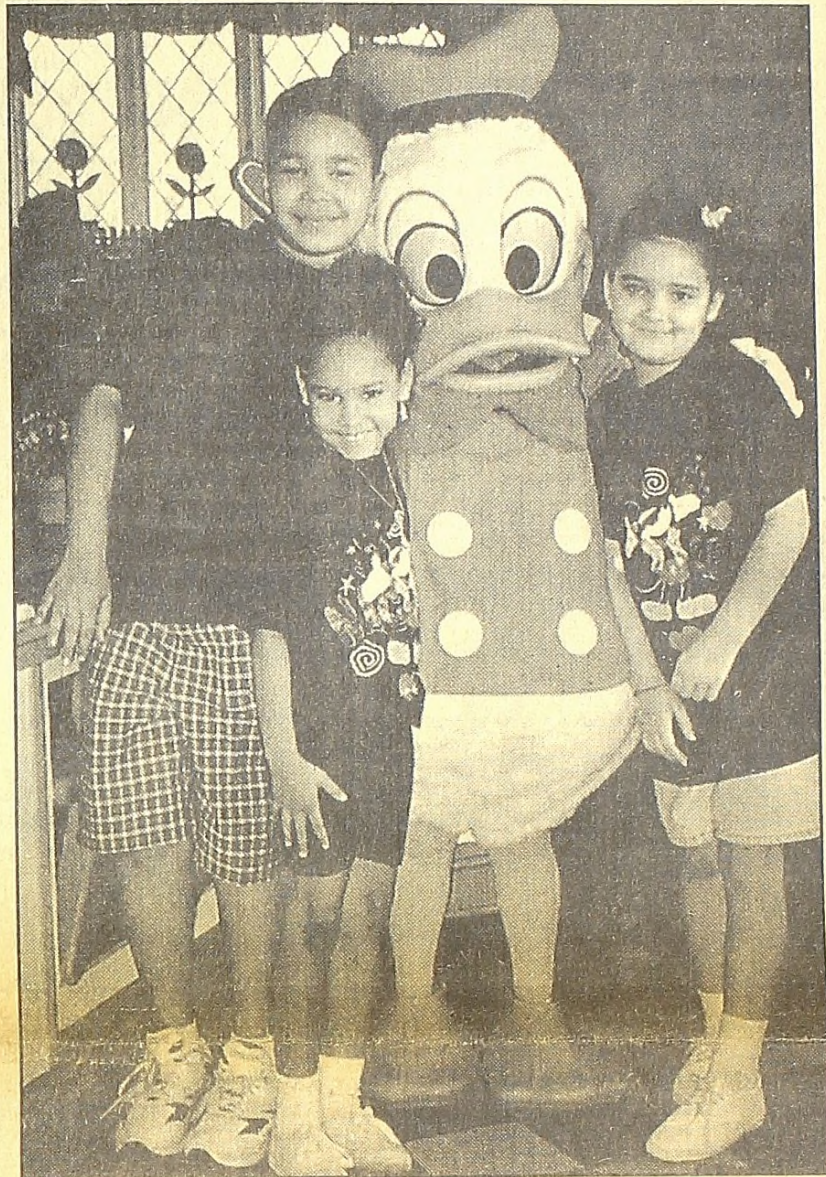
"Cymonne's favorite experience was traveling up and down the 'Tower of Terror,'" her mother explained. That adventure ride takes children up to the 13th floor in the tower and then drops them down several floors at a time via the elevator.

"Cymonne enjoyed that ride so much," her mother exclaimed "that she took it nine times."

Deborah said young Cymonne picks "Cinderella" as her favorite character, but took an autograph book to get all the signatures of Disney and storybook characters she possible could during her three- to-four day stay at Disney World.

Cymonne along with her mother, father Jeff, brother Brock and sister Tarah, will be spending the entire eight weeks in Memphis.

"It was hard on the children, when they were separated during Cymonne's first



Romulus brain tumor victim Cymonne Pyles, right, shares the spotlight with Donald Duck and her brother, Brock, and sister, Tarah, during a recent visit to Disney World in Florida. MCN Special Photo

hospital treatment stay at St. Jude's last year," Deborah said. "That is why we are so excited we can be together during this critical period," the mother added.

Doctors won't know how Cymonne is doing in her tumor battle until a new MRI is taken in Memphis on Monday or Tuesday, her mother said. Outward signs can be deceiving as can side effects (or lack of them) of the chemotherapy treatments, she said.

Thus doctors want to see if her brain tumor's growth has been halted and possibly even shrunk.

Tickets for tomorrow night's ice cream social-fund raiser are \$2.50 each and can be picked up at any of the district's schools. Tickets will cost \$3 at the door tomorrow. The school is located at 16200 Harrison road in Romulus.

Oakley speaking on behalf of the Friends of Cymonne

Committee confirmed that between \$17,000-\$18,000 had been collected to date to aid the Pyles family health costs.

Part of the funds (about \$4,600) came from a major spaghetti supper conducted at Romulus High School, Oakley said. A major portion of the money collected came in response to the committee's mass mailing of appeal letters to area business and community leaders, the mayor added.

Oakley praised the positive actions by fellow committee members and the public at large for their commitment to helping the Pyles family during their medical emergency.

The committee has posted a large poster board inside Romulus City Hall citing the major donors to the Pyles family.

In addition to Oakley, members of the committee include Sheila Stasak, Ron Hopson, Carole Bales, Bill Baum, Rob McLachlan and Roxanne Kucharski.



Cymonne Pyles of Romulus enjoys some popcorn while her parents, Deborah and Jeff Pyles, take part in a recent series of bingo games at the Romulus Progressive Club. The proceeds went to the Cymonne Pyles Medical Fund. MCN Special Photo

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Firefighters test skill

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Approximately 30 Romulus firefighters took part in a videoed end-of-the-year house fire series of training sessions on McBride street.

Fire Chief David Allison said "we began the day (Dec. 15) setting six small fires in various rooms in the vacant white two-story Cape Cod type house owned by the city.

The firefighters learned specific fire fighting and ventilation skills during this period of the training sessions, Allison explained.

Then early in the afternoon

We began the day (Dec. 15) setting six small fires in various rooms in the vacant white two-story Cape Cod type house owned by the city.

the firemen set two major upstairs blazes about 20 minutes apart that provided dramatic fire fighting video scenes for recruits to view later on.

Both video and still photos were taken, including photos shown with this story.

While Allison doesn't want to be locked into a particular time period, he said there is a good chance the training sessions could occur about once a

year.

Firefighters said they learned more specifics on how to battle a roaring fire and how to do it more safely, Allison explained.

Employees of the Department of Public Works later carted the burned debris away and Allison said it is expected the city now will sell the property and put it back on the tax rolls.

Westland woman dies in accident

Brownstown Township police report a 74-year-old woman was killed last week when her 1992 Ford Taurus rear-ended a pickup truck on Tele-

graph Road at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Elizabeth Mather, according to an eyewitness, was seen travelling north on Telegraph

Road without headlights when she rear-ended the pickup truck, turning into a mobile home park on the same road and forcing a roll over to occur.



Photo (aerial) shown of the enflamed Cape Cod house on McBride street. The action was set up as training sessions for local firefighters. MCN Special Photo

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Profile: Theresa Green

MCN puts its spotlight on the newsmakers of Western Wayne County in its series of Profiles, which this week focuses on Theresa Green, who is principal of Rawsonville Elementary School in the Van Buren Public School District, the only school in the state to receive the Exemplary School Award.

Who most influenced your life? My mother, Claretha Johnson.
What is your best quality? My ability to work with other people and bring out the best in them.

What is your worst quality? Being overly aggressive.

What angers you most? Seeing children being pre-judged based on circumstances beyond their control.

What is your personal motto? Giving my very best and going the extra mile.

Name your favorite TV show. *Frasier*, and *The Nanny*.

Name your favorite book, or the last one read. Anything by Tom Clancy or Patricia Cornwell.

Name the last movie you viewed. *The Crucible*.

Name your favorite sports team. The Green Bay Packers. I liked them before they won the Super Bowl.

Name your favorite pastime. I love to eat out, I love to travel, and I read a lot.

Name your favorite food. Pasta, and all Italian food.

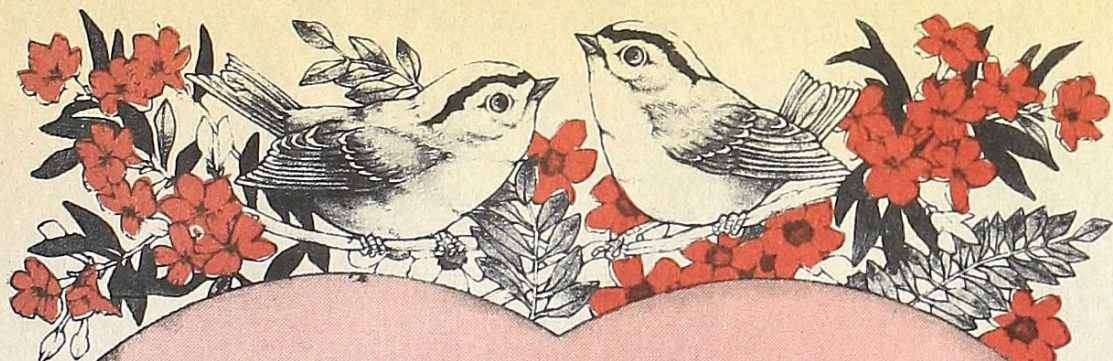
Name your least favorite food. German food.

If I could change places with anyone (past or present), I'd change places with Hilary Clinton. She's very bright and aggressive.

If I retired I'd become a lounge singer.



Theresa Green



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Clarinetist plays at inauguration

Air Force Tech Sgt. Elizabeth K. Campeau took part in the 53rd Presidential Inauguration in the nation's capital on Jan. 20.

Campeau, daughter of Marilyn K. Campeau of Romulus and James J. Campeau of Chesterfield, Mich., played the clarinet in the presidential inaugural parade.

Prior to entering the Air Force, Campeau earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in 1983.

Military service members have performed in every ceremonial event since President George Washington was inaugurated in 1789.

6 are reappointed to city boards

Six veteran Romulus commissioners were reappointed to new terms that expire in the year 2000.

The commissioners include: Marcus Scheffer and Tereatha Allen of the Recreation Commission; Jack Barton and Donald Morris of the Planning Commission; and Fred Anderson and Edward Thomas Jr. of the Police, Fire and Safety Commission.

Police bids are accepted in Romulus

The Romulus City Council has approved bids for carpeting and a voice messaging system in the Romulus Police Department.

The \$1,230 carpeting bid for the police communications center was accepted from the Independent Carpet Co. of Westland.

In addition a lone bid of \$9,420 was accepted for a voice messaging system from the Walsh Service Co. of Farmington.

5 employees honored for long service

The Canton Board of Trustees honored five township employees with 20 years or more of service.

Those honored were Jake Dingeldey, Sally Hannan, Art Winkel, Mike Karll and Nicky Zimmerman.

Pre-school class registration starts

Plymouth-Canton's Community Education Department will hold registration for Kiddie Kampus and Kiddie Crew on March 15 in the Canton High School cafeteria.

Kiddie Kampus has two and three day sessions and Kiddie Crew has two day sessions.

An open house for applicants will be hosted from 7 to 9 p.m. March 13.

Craft show slated on March 8

The 2nd annual Spring Thing Fling Craft Show, sponsored by the Junior Class of Romulus High School, will be staged from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 8 at the school, 9650 S. Wayne Road. Chairman is Lance McCrom.

Crafters may still apply by calling 941-2170, ext. 161.

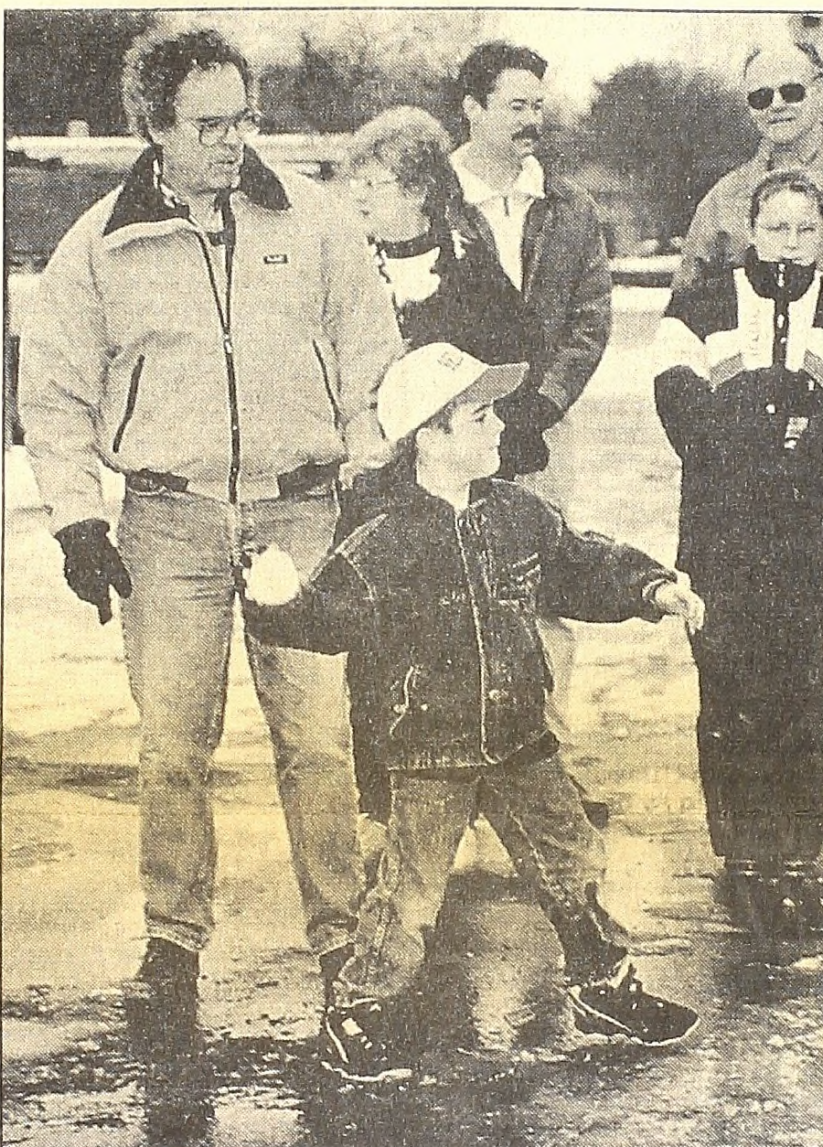
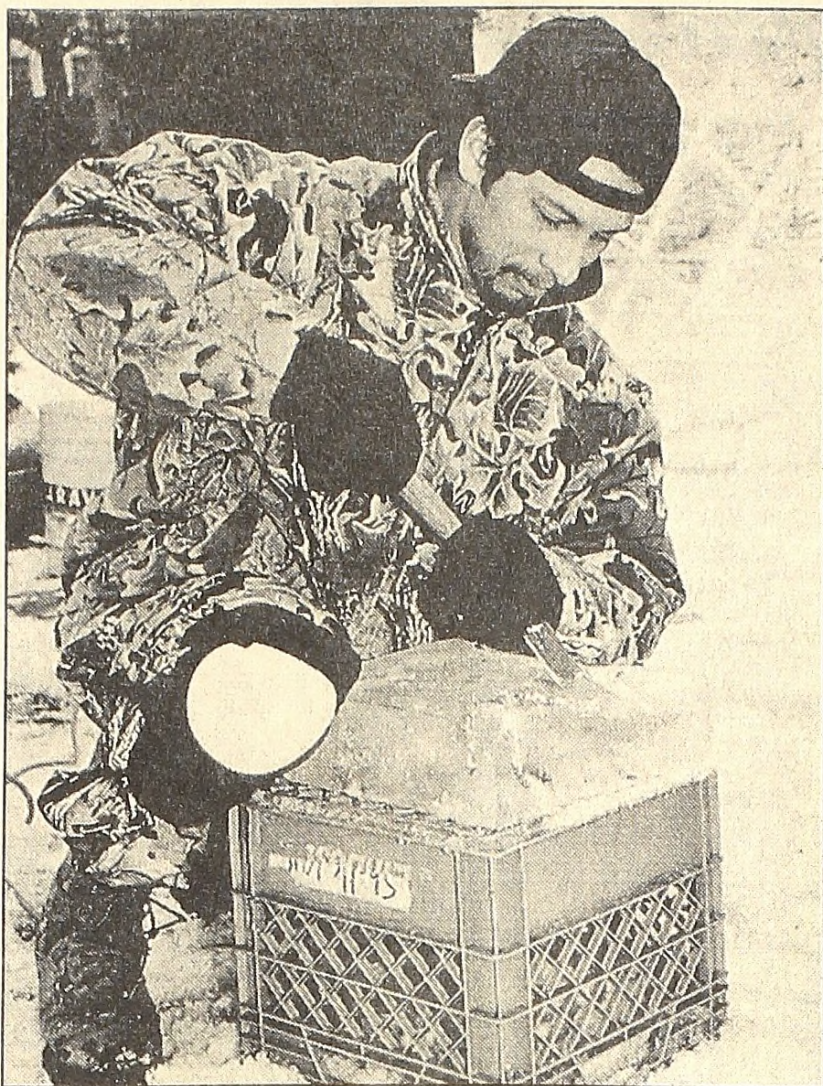
Fish dinners sold on Fridays

Lenten fish dinners are sold every Friday from 4 until 6:30 p.m. through March 28 at the Wayne Oddfellows Temple, 32975 Glenwood, corner of Venoy in Wayne. Carryouts are available.

The price of \$6.50 for adults includes pie and a beverage.

Service people make news

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class John Vaughn, son of Dorothy Vaughn of Berry Street in Wayne, recently returned from supporting recovery efforts of TWA Flight 800.



Winter 1997 celebrated in Western Wayne County



A mailbox (above, top) measures the snowfall. Shannon Hillyard, 3, and Collin, 5, of Wayne (above) enjoy sundaes at the Wayne Winter Fest. Chef Ramone Herrera, a culinary instructor at the William D. Ford Career/Technical Center, (top, left) works on an ice sculpture at the Westland Winter Fest. Westland Deputy Police Chief John Reddy (second from top left) watches a youngster compete in a snowball contest. David Baker, 4, (second from bottom left) stands knee-deep in snow, and two girls (bottom left) receive help with a game at the Wayne Community Center. MCN photo by Kimberly Woloskie

Chilly weather cues fun

By JOAN DYER-ZINNER
MCN Managing Editor

Although the weather outside may be chilly, it doesn't daunt the spirits of those who enjoy the outdoors — skiers, ice skaters, tobagganers and snowmobilers.

The frigid weather and snow storms also warm the hearts of those who deal with snow removal, such as Keith Bruder of Belleville. He noted that there has been 39.5 inches of snow so far this winter, compared to a total of 40 inches for the entire winter of 1995-96.

With snow plows ready for any emergency, Bruder welcomes the snow — the more the better.

Youngsters who enjoy making snowmen, lobbing snowballs and sledding also welcome the white flakes and wait for more to fall.

To celebrate the winter, Wayne and Westland both sponsored Winter Fests with entertainment, games and sports. The annual Plymouth Ice Sculpture event also drew visitors to view the icy artworks.


However, for those who rather enjoy the warmth of the indoors, there is no better season for curling up with a good book, or enjoying a movie or game.

There is just five more weeks of winter — time for more outdoor fun and winter sports — before spring arrives on March 20. Then, it's the time when a young girl's heart turns to what a young boy's been thinking about all winter — baseball!



Megan Anderson, 8, of Wayne gets ready to "belt out a tune" at the Wayne Winter Fest karaoke, one of the many activities for children at the annual event. MCN photo by Kimberly Woloskie

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Retired Romulus teachers sought

Calling all retired Romulus teachers, the Romulus Alumni Association is seeking your help to take part in the annual Alumni Career Day on March 14 at Romulus Senior High School.

Keynote speaker that day will be Lloyd Ward of the Class of 1966, who currently is president of Maytag Appliances.

Ward will speak to the students in the auditorium and then the students will break into small informal groups to meet with other graduates in

rooms throughout the school building.

Alumni members also will be invited to spend the day at the high school to share their experiences either formally or informally with today's students.

Alumni director Marge Bergman urges persons who know the location of various retired teachers to call her at 941-0610 or Gen Dugan at the high school at 941-2170, extension 145.

Bergman said the "goal of Alumni Career Day is to provide a comfortable medium for graduates to share their life experiences with interested high school students, to share mistakes as well as their wise decisions."

Bergman said it is hoped that various business, medical, legal, government, assembly line workers and self-employed entrepreneurs will be on hand to share their experiences.

The graduates' human and career adventures will mean a lot to today's students, who are reaching out for their own successes, Bergman stressed.

CITY OF ROMULUS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD JANUARY 27, 1997

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Pro Tem, William Wadsworth

Present: Collins, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Raspberry, Romak, Wadsworth

Absent: None

Excused: None

Administrative Officials in Attendance: William Oakley, Mayor

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk

James Napiorkowski, CMFA, Treasurer

Motion by Romak, supported by Collins to approve the agenda as amended.*

11. Warrant 97-02

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Collins, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Raspberry, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 97-024

2A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to approve the minutes of the Romulus City Council held January 13, 1997 as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Collins, Crova, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Abstain - Gear, Raspberry. Motion Carried. 3A. Item 3A moved to item 3F to give the petitioner more time to arrive. 97-025

3B. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to vacate that portion of Avalon Drive abutting lots 21 and 22 McConalogue Subdivision.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Collins, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Raspberry, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 97-026

3C1. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Collins to remove from the table the request by Merna, Inc. to transfer ownership of 1996 SDD-SDM licensed business from Shamil, Inc. located at 8284 Wayne Road.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Collins, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Raspberry, Romak Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 97-027

3C2. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Raspberry to approve the request by Merna, Inc. to transfer ownership of 1996 SDD-SDM licensed business from Shamil, Inc. located at 8284 Wayne Road.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Collins, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Raspberry, Romak Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 97-028

3D. Motion by Crova, supported by Romak to approve the request from Columbia Sussex Corp. to add CS Hotels Limited Partnership as co- licensee in a 1995 12 Month Resort B-Hotel licensed business with dance entertainment permit at 8000 Merriman.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Collins, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Raspberry, Romak Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 97-029

3E1. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Romak to reject all offers to purchase excess City owned property Lot 2, Romulus Urban Renewal Plat No. 1 and to refer back to the Property Disposition Committee to advertise property for sale and let for bid.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Collins, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak Wadsworth. Nays - None Abstain - Raspberry. Motion Carried. 97-030

3E2. Motion by Romak, supported by Collins pursuant to his resignation as State Representative to adopt a resolution for Gregory Pitoniak acknowledging and thanking him for his many years of service to the City of Romulus.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Collins, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Raspberry, Romak Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 97-031

3F. Motion by Crova, supported by Romak to table the request from Metro Hospitality, Inc. to transfer ownership of 1994 12 months Resort B-Hotel licensed business at 31800 Wick, Quality Inn Hotel.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Collins, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Raspberry, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 97-032

4A. Motion by Crova, supported by Collins to direct the City Attorney Marc Jacobs of Dykema & Gossett to proceed as directed in the case of E.D.S. vs City of Romulus.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Collins, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Raspberry, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 97-033

4B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to reaffirm that the City Council of the City of Romulus does not recognize Environmental Disposal Systems (EDS) and this Council opposes EDS Proposal to sink another Class I Hazardous & Non Hazardous Deep Injection Well in this community. This City encourages recycling, reducing, and reusing and we welcome companies that also believe in recycling, reducing and reusing. Further, that copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the USEPA, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, State Senator, State Representative, U.S. Senator, United States Congresswoman, Wayne County Commissioner and the Detroit Police Fireman Pension Fund. 97-034

4C. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Raspberry to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Walter Blanchard.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Collins, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Raspberry, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 97-035

4D. Motion by Raspberry, supported by Crova to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Earlie Coleman.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Collins, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Raspberry, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 4. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Collins, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Raspberry, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 97-036

5A. Motion by Romak, supported by Collins to grant authorization to let bids for softballs.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Collins, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Raspberry, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 97-037

5B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Prybyla to grant authorization to let bids for a replacement sign at Kennedy Park.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Collins, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Raspberry, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 97-038

5C. Motion by Collins, supported by Romak to grant authorization to let bids for a Power Unit for the Fire Department.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Collins, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Raspberry, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 97-039

5D. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to award Bid 96-49 for one Vandura Van to Red Holman Pontiac/GMC in the amount of \$18,964.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Collins, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Raspbe-

rry, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 97-040

5E. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to award Bid 96-39 for the 1997 July 4th. Fireworks Display to the Mad Bomber in the amount of \$8,000.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Collins, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Raspberry, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 97-041

5F. Motion by Crova, supported by Collins to introduce Budget Amendment 96/97-6 as follows:

FUND/DEPT ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT FUND				
FUND BALANCE		AVAILABLE	APPROPRIATE	REMAINING BALANCE
267-000.00-970.000	Capital Budget	37,020	125,000	162,020
General Fund		604,066	125,000	479,066

To appropriate funds to upgrade departmental technology at the Police Department. 97-042

5G. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Collins to acknowledge receipt of the Monthly Budget Report for November, 1996.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Collins, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Raspberry, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 97-043

*5H. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to send a communication to the DEQ that no committee including Environmental Concerns Association (E.C.A.) or any other group has authorization to represent the City of Romulus. Further, the majority of the Romulus City Council is the only authority that represents the City of Romulus. Finally, to request that this resolution be placed on file in the application request and all further permitting requests from Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. for deep wells.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Collins, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Abstain - Raspberry. Motion Carried. 97-044

5I. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to concur with the recommendation of Mayor William Oakley and adopt a resolution opposing Wayne County's position to establish its own Building Department as means of circumventing the requirement to obtain building permits and acknowledged the City's right to inspect new construction within Detroit Metro Airport and collecting all permit fees associated with these inspections.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Collins, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Raspberry, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 5. Motion by Collins, supported by Romak to accept the Mayor's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Collins, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Raspberry, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 97-045

6A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the recommendation of the Property Disposition Committee as follows:

To accept the offer to purchase Lot 1, Romulus Wooded Farms Subdivision, DP# 067-01-0001-005 from David Barnes in the amount of \$9,000.00 with the stipulation David Barnes obtain a permit to construct a home within a reasonable time limit, with completion within two years.

To accept to offer to purchase Lots 48 and 49, Junction Subdivision Block 23 DP# 077-23-0048-302 from Curtis Young in the amount of \$1,800.00 with the stipulation that Curtis Young will utilize the property for his personal use only.

To accept the offer to purchase Lots 185 and 186, Grand Park Subdivision DP# 020-01-0185-000 from Michael Woods in the amount of \$2,610.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Collins, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Raspberry, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 97-046

6A2a. Motion by Crova, supported by Prybyla to concur with the recommendation of the Property Disposition Committee and award Property Bid 97-01 to Anthony Soave in the amount of \$242,500.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Prybyla. Nays - Collins, Gear, Raspberry, Romak, Wadsworth. Motion Failed. 97-047

6A2b. Motion by Romak, supported by Collins to award Property Bid 97- 01 to BLB Industries in the amount of \$135,000.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Collins, Gear, Raspberry, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - Crova, Prybyla. Motion Carried. 97-048

6A3. Motion by Raspberry, supported by Romak to authorize all elected officials to attend the National League of Cities Conference in Washington, D.C., March 7-11, 1997.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Collins, Crova, Gear, Raspberry, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - Prybyla. Motion Carried. 97-049

6A4. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to approve the second reading and final adoption of Chapter 20, Article V, Offenses Against Public Peace.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Collins, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Raspberry, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 6A5. No action taken. 97-050

7. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to authorize Mark Chase an additional two minutes to address the Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Collins, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Raspberry, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 10A. No action taken. 97-051

11. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Wadsworth to authorize the payment of Warrant #97-02 in the grand total amount of Two Hundred Thirty Three Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighty Eight Dollars and Twenty Five Cents (\$233,688.25).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Collins, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Abstain - Crova. Motion Carried Unanimously. 12. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Romak to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Collins, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Raspberry, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held January 27, 1997.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: February 13, 1997

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NOTICE OF LETTING

Bid Number 97-05

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CITY OF ROMULUS

CHAPTER 20

ARTICLE V

An Ordinance of the City of Romulus Providing That the Code of Ordinances be Amended by Adding a New Section to be Known as Chapter 20, Article V, Section 20-119 Providing for Noise Control of Motor Vehicle Electronically Amplified Sound Systems.

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

Section 1:

Short Title
This ordinance shall be known and cited as the Unreasonable Electronically Amplified Noise Ordinance.

Section 2:

Chapter 20, Article V, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Romulus entitled "Offenses Against Public Peace" shall be amended to add a new Section 20-119 to read as follows:

Section 20-119

Motor Vehicle Electronically Amplified Sound Systems.

It shall be unlawful for any person operating or in control of a parked or moving vehicle (including motorcycles and moped) to operate or permit the operation of a electronically amplified sound system in or on the vehicle so as to produce sound that is clearly audible more than fifty feet from the vehicle.

Section 3.

Savings Clause.
Nothing in this Ordinance or in the Code hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liabilities incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or Ordinance be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.

Section 4.

Repeal of Conflicting Provisions.
All prior existing Ordinance adopted by the City of Romulus inconsistent or in conflict with the provision of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, hereby expressly repealed.

Section 5:

Penalty.
Anyone found guilty of violating this Section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment not to exceed ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of this court.

Section 6:

Severability.
Should any word, sentence, phrase or any portion of this Ordinance be held in a manner invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction or by any state agency having authority to do so for any reason whatsoever, such holdings shall be construed and limited to such word, sentence, phrase, or any portion of the Ordinance held to be so invalid and shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining words, sentences, phrases or portions of this Ordinance.

Section 7:

Effective Date
This ordinance shall take effect upon publication thereof in the official newspaper, which publication shall be made when the minutes passing the Ordinance are published subject to revocation at will of the City of Romulus at any time.

I, Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an ordinance duly adopted by the Romulus City Council at its regular meeting held on the 27th, day of January, 1997.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

ATTEST:

William Oakley, Mayor

Within forty-five (45) days after the publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may be presented to the Council Protesting against such ordinance continuing in effect. Said petition shall contain the text of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six percent (6%) of the registered electors registered at the last preceding election at which a Mayor of the City was elected. Said ordinance shall thereupon and thereby be suspended from operation and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.

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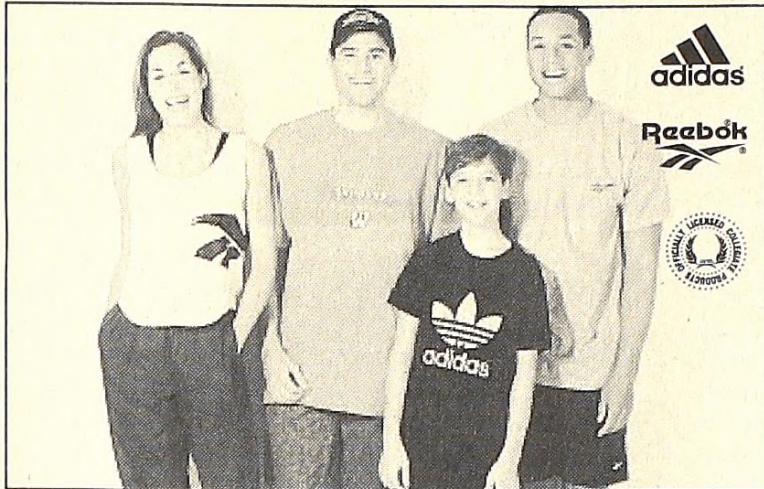
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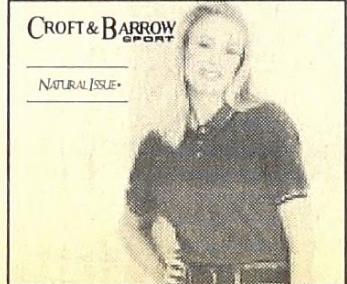
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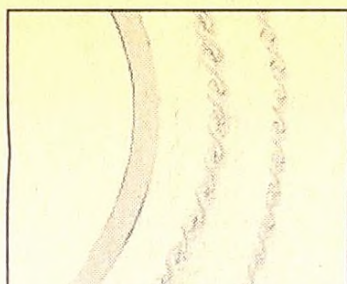
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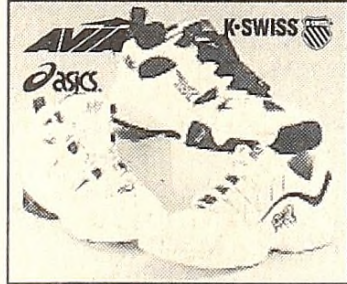
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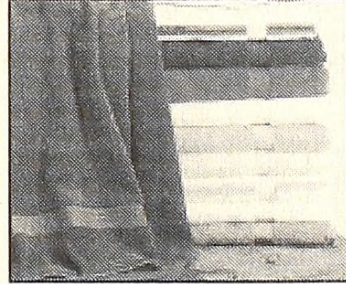
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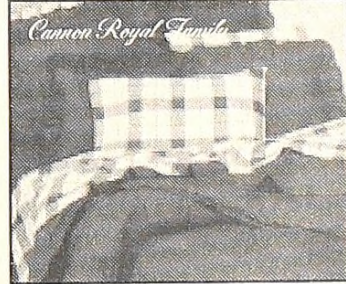
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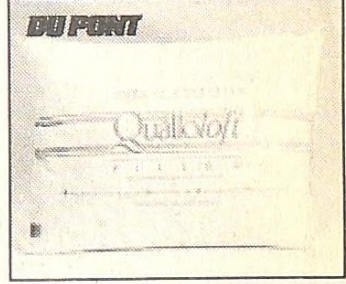
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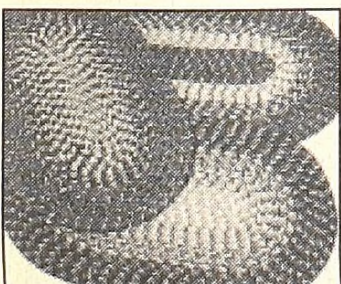
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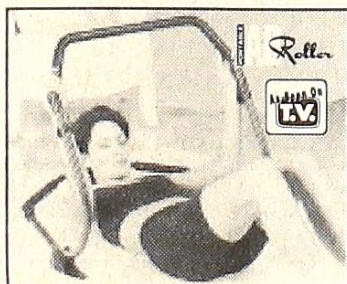
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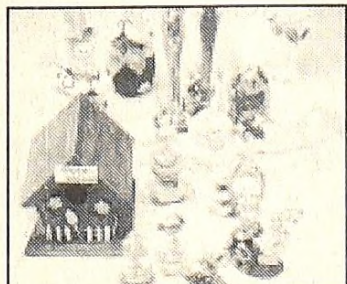
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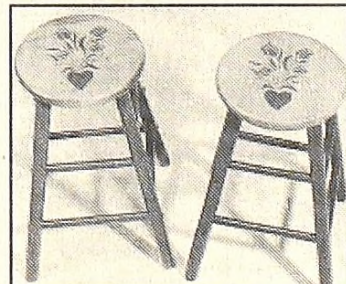
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Reflections
Joan Dyer-Zimmer

A recent trip to the City-County Building in downtown Detroit to obtain a copy of my birth certificate intensified my view that out-county residents should have easier access to their records.

The trip, while posing an inconvenience, was not particularly troublesome. The round-trip drive from my Wayne office was about an hour, parking cost me \$2 and the time spent in the clerk's office was about 15 minutes. In addition, the civil servants in the Wayne County Clerk's office were not only civil, but courteous, efficient and helpful.

Still, I am adamant that out-county residents need easier access to their records.

In this age of computers, it seems not only feasible, but reasonable, that the Wayne County Clerk's office could establish a sub-branch in one of the major out-county cities — Westland, Livonia or Taylor — for the convenience of the majority of the population of Wayne County.

Curiously, if you were born in the city of Detroit, you cannot obtain your birth certificate from the Wayne County Clerk's office. Instead, you must go to the Detroit Health Department in the Herman Keifer Hospital facility, leading me to believe that the county does not have a monopoly on birth records.

It seems just as logical to have a local branch of the County Clerk's office as it does to have branches of the Secretary of State's office.

Why can't birth and death certificates, marriage licenses and assumed names (for businesses) be handled at a site other than in downtown Detroit? It would seem that original records could be accessed by computer and documents — if not available at the branch — could be sent out by registered mail (at the expense of the individual, of course).

There may be other services, as well, that could be handled at a branch office.

Trekking to downtown Detroit for copies of documents doesn't seem to be in step with the way business is done on the eve of the 21st century. It is more reminiscent of the way business was done before the proliferation of computers and related technology.

We have two major multi-community planning councils in Wayne County: the 18-member Conference of Western Wayne and the 15-member Down-

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Election alternative proposed



Post Scripts
Al Post

As stated last week Romulus could face a rash of elections this summer and fall.

The elections could range from those for school board (two seats open), primary and general elections to fill the seat formerly occupied by 22nd District State Rep. Gregory Pitoniak, a referendum to possibly hike the terms of city officials from two to four years and finally a general city election this fall.

Not only are the elections numerous, but they can be very costly. City Clerk Linda Choate said election day processes cost up to \$10,000 each.

In addition they are very wearing on election workers' energy levels. The average person doesn't realize how tired Romulus election staff members are at the end of an election day.

Just ask any election worker who has just completed a day and evening at the polls following an uncontested school board election. One election worker told this writer "even the Maytag repairman said his job is more exciting than mine. And who am I to question him?"

Ask Councilman Michael Prybyla, who four years ago ran a tough campaign to get elected and finished in a flat-footed tie with Mary Collins. The Wayne County Election officials then reduced the voting process to simply placing two small cards in a box. One said "elected," the other "not elected."

Prybyla won by picking out the winning card that obviously said "elected."

Inspired by that action this writer has devised a massive election cost saving program that eliminates the "foreplay" known as "balloting," but keeps the "main event" known as "picking the winner."

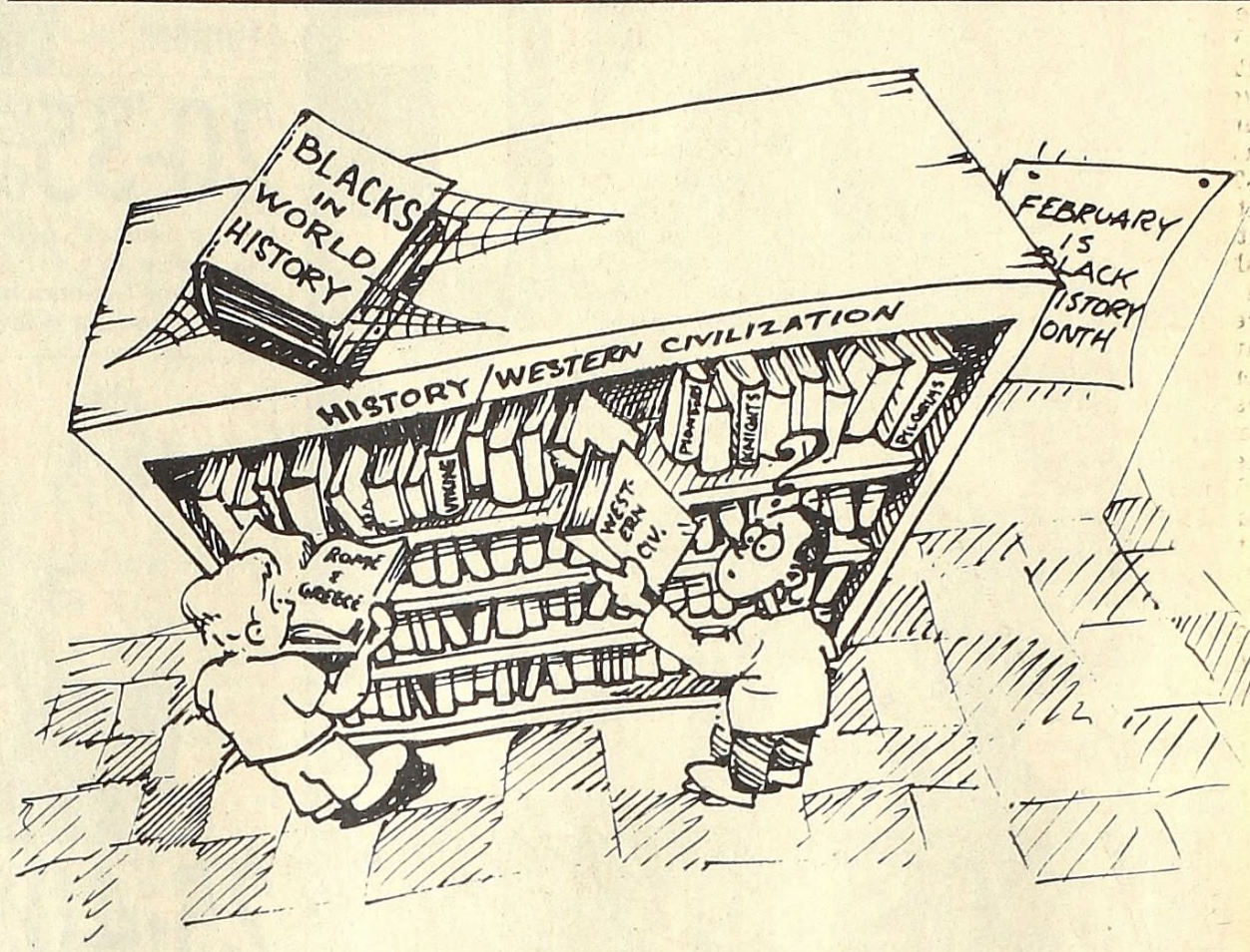
This program would save the cost of having election workers numbered almost to death by waiting for the non-attending electorate to turn out.

It would save the cost of even using the expensive election machines. Maybe Romulus could return them and get their money back or sell them to some other city.

The only basic cost would be to purchase two or three dozen five by seven cards and write out "elected" on one card each for the mayor, city clerk and treasurer races and seven similar cards for council candidates. Then "not elected" cards could be written out for the extra number of candidates.

A social hour could be set up in the council

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Response Given

To the editor:

Criticism was made regarding efforts made by members of the Environmental Concerns Association (ECA) in negotiating an agreement with Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. which provides protections for residents living near this project if and only if the State allows the deepwell project to go ahead. The ECA consists of a group of residents living near the deepwell project located off of Inkster Road. This appears to be politics at its worst. I asked the Council if they knew of anything wrong with the agreement and got no response. Most of the Council admitted they had not read the agreement.

One resident offered two criticisms to which I will respond. The first criticism was that the ECA residents did not represent the community. This resident spoke as if the only "community" that could negotiate anything was the City of Romulus. We disagree and we told the Council this agreement was not negotiated on behalf of the City, only on behalf of a community of residents living near the well project. Negotiations of this type are recommended by the State, particularly where municipal governments refuse to do so.

With respect to the one resident's specific concern in which he objected to the provision requiring the deepwell company to provide an annual scholarship to a resident in the ECA resident's area, we interpret this as jealousy, not intelligence. If the scholarship is the only part of the agreement of concern, it sounds like we have a pretty good agreement.

Susan Cisko
Romulus

Bonior criticized

To the editor:

Will Bonior be cited for 73 supposed malfeasances attributed to Gingrich that received no

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consideration by the Ethics Committee as wrongdoings? What Bonior did is blatantly unethical.

Bonior's collectivism can't cope with Gingrich's love of country, understanding of democratic principles, adherence to a free market system, and devotion to the rule of law. Discrimination is at a very low tide when a Bonior can get elected and sit in Washington attempting to author socialist programs that he hopes people will swallow.

Neil Goodbred
Livonia

Questions raised

To the editor:

The recent concerns regarding railroad whistles raised at the Romulus City Council meeting bring up some interesting questions. Upon being questioned about why something hasn't been done about the annoying railroad whistles, the Council and the City Clerk explained that an ordinance had been written regarding this problem, but the Federal Government controls this matter over our ordinance inferring there was nothing the City could do about it. It was further explained that the Federal Government recently raised allowable train noise levels because of the increased soundproofing placed in automobiles in recent years.

Being overruled by Federal laws on the railroad matter sounds real similar to the City's inability to stop the I-94 communications tower, the airport noise problem, airport expansion, and even the issue of hazardous waste disposal facilities through City ordinances. Each of these types of problems are managed and controlled by some group other than the city of Romulus. Why? The answer is simple.

When it comes to train whistles the answer is fairly clear. The railroads and the federal government have decided it is more important to have loud whistles, than more accidents and deaths. Some Romulus citizens want to reduce or eliminate whistles. I can understand the concern over the noise levels on the part of our residents, however I am glad that the Federal Government has looked at the bigger picture and did the right thing for our safety. Since living is more important than hearing, I thank the Federal Government for preventing Romulus from doing the wrong thing.

The I-94 tower, airport noise, and airport expansion issues are similar, but different. The issue with these situations is not safety, but regional planning decisions which the city of Romulus has little control over because they do not control the State Department of Transportation, the County, or the Federal Aviation Administration. We learned we can't make the County stop airport noise or stop them from putting a new runway a few hundred feet from the intersection of Grant and Wayne Road which no doubt will reduce property values of many of the homes in the downtown Romulus area.

Why isn't the City doing anything about these problems? The answer is they don't control the decisions being made by the County, the State, or the U.S. government. Don't get me wrong, I'm sure Mayor Oakley and the Council are doing everything they can, but we still ended up with the I-94 tower and we'll still have a new runway right next to the airport industrial park behind City Hall.

Why doesn't the City sue the State, the County, or the U.S. government over these matters. Probably because they know they will lose and because it will cost lots of money.

That brings us to the deep well matter. In this case, some-

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Crime can be whipped

By EDWIN FEULNER
Guest Columnist

The federal government has invested billions of dollars in so-called crime-fighting programs - remember "midnight basketball" and (an alleged) 100,000 more cops on the beat? - with little or no tangible results. But what can local officials with limited resources do to fight crime in their won neighborhoods?

Plenty, according to a recent study by former U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese III and Heritage Foundation Deputy Director of Domestic Policy Studies Robert Moffit.

Since 1993, the Big Apple saw a 36 percent drop in serious crimes, including a 44 percent drop in auto theft and a 45 percent drop in murder. William Bratton, the New York City police commissioner and architect of the improvements, insisted on simple, relatively inexpensive reforms such as police officers walking the beat in their patrol areas instead of sitting in a station house filling out paperwork, and a zero-tolerance policy for graffiti and public drunkenness.

"You don't need to have a bigger policy budget and more overtime to fight crime, just a commitment to the community," Moffit says. Every policy department - large or small can:

- Target "hot spots" of crime and career criminals. Research shows that more than half of all serious crime is concentrated in less than 3 percent of the addresses in a city. Most crimes also are committed by a small criminal class: just 6 percent of the male population is responsible for about 50

percent of serious crime.

- Raise the recruitment standards of police officers. Communities must demand the highest physical, intellectual and character standards within the police force.

- Have police officers walk a beat, getting to know neighbors and a neighborhood instead of sitting behind a desk or cruising the streets in a police car. Administrative duties should be performed by clerical or support staff to free up officers.

- Recruit police from the ranks of the military. In addition to getting a "sure thing" in terms of discipline and training, hiring former military personnel increase the pool of qualified minority applicants.

Of course, it doesn't help matters when courts practice "revolving door" justice, allowing criminals back on the streets.

For state and local officials the heart of police reform is personnel management: knowing where to assign extra police officers, providing adequate training and hiring only the best and the brightest.

"These back-to-basics reforms rely on innovative policing - not more federal money - and will have a real affect on fighting crime," Moffit says.

The amazing thing is not that the war on crime can be won by such common-sense measures. The amazing thing is that communities - large and small - haven't been doing these things all along.

Editor's note: Edwin Feulner is president of The Heritage Foundation, a Washington-based public policy research institute.

FOOTNOTES: What is your favorite new movie, or which new movie do you want to see?



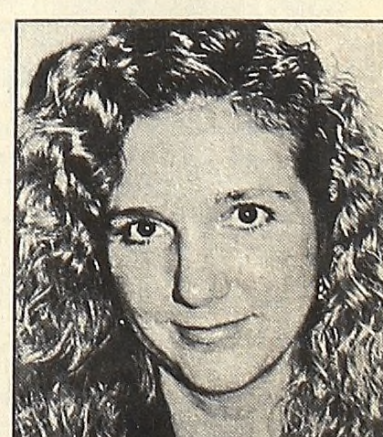
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The People Versus Larry Flynt



Barb Furman
Belleville
Star Wars. I can't believe it's 20 years old.



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Ann Arbor
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Township updates Notice of Intent

While the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) continue to pour over information regarding the Environmental Quality Company's (EQ) permit applications, Van Buren Township has released new information regarding their notice of Intent to Sue.

Van Buren provided the EPA with a Notice of Intent to Sue letter pertaining to EQ, pursuant to the Clean Air Act on Sept. 23, 1996.

The site in question is located in a populated area, within 800 yards of Belleville Lake, a fresh water body which an environmental expert had previously demonstrated to have a hydrogeologic connection with the site. Additionally, residents have made numerous complaints about the site and its emissions.

Van Buren Township insists that the facility is in violation of the Clean Air Act. The facility's operators have modified its emission source without the required installation permit submission and approval by regulatory authorities. Emissions from this source have resulted in the release of air

contaminants which have the potential to cause injurious effects to human health and safety and have unreasonably interfered with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property. The facility continues to operate without verification of pollution emission rates.

Van Buren Township remains confident that it can factually demonstrate that the EQ facility is in violation of the Clean Air Act. The new equipment installed at the EQ facility is currently operating without an air permit and has done so for over one year. Neither has stack testing been conducted. Therefore, the ambient air monitoring data is currently the only enforcement tool available to determine facility compliance with respect to preventing air emissions from harming human health and safety, and unreasonable interference with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property. The air monitoring data raises serious concerns about the ability of this facility to operate in a safe manner.

EQ acknowledges that it had failed its first and only stack

tests conducted at the facility. Stack emission limitations are determined by calculating backward from the property line so that emissions at the stack will not result in exceeding the Initial Risk Screening Levels (IRSLs) at the property line. Monitoring results indicate that IRSLs are exceeded at the theoretical maximum allowed stack emission limitations.

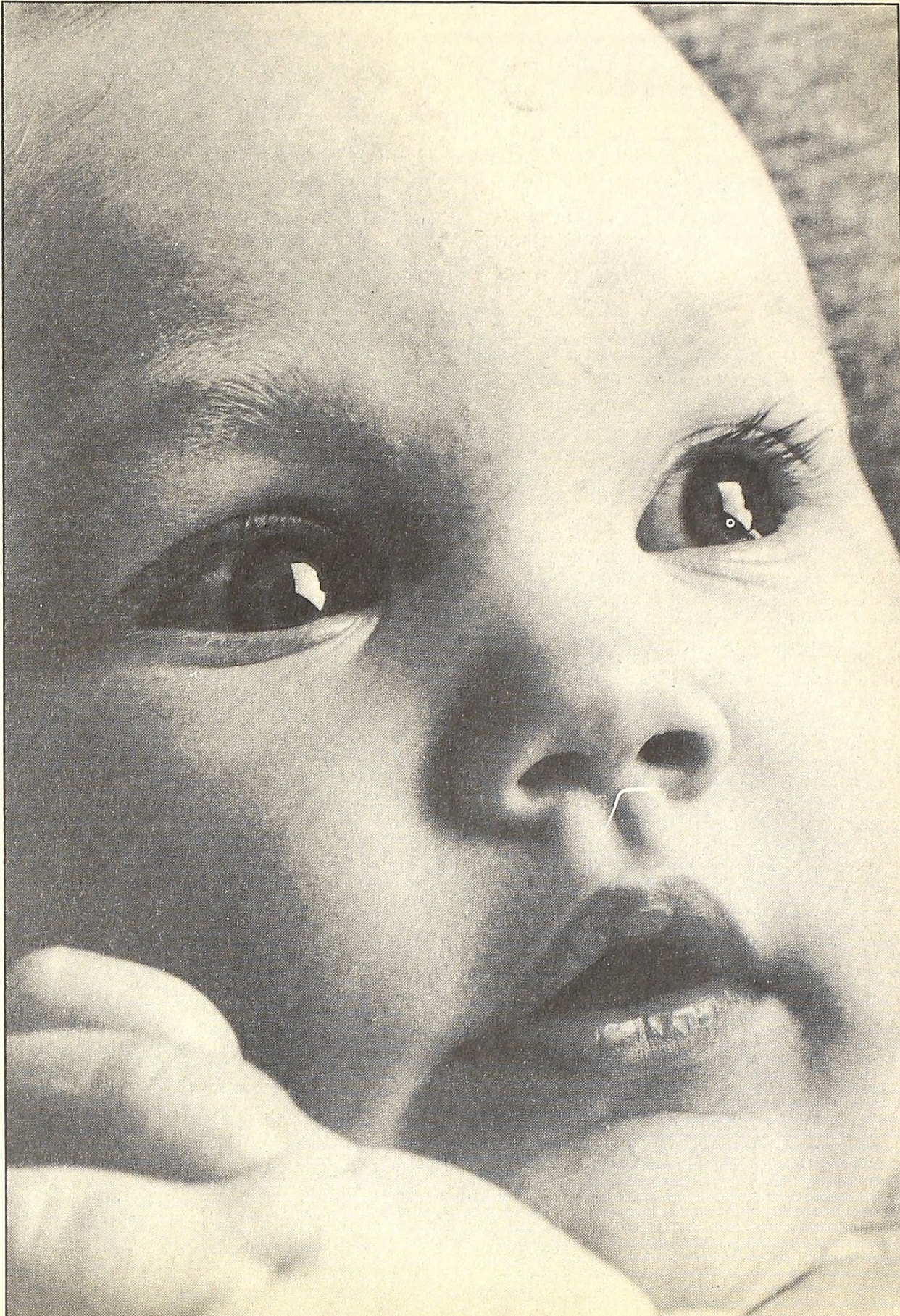
The Southeast Container Storage Area (SECSA) does in fact require a permit if EQ intends to continue storing treated hazardous wastes at that location. As noted in the initial Notice of Intent to Sue letter, process includes storage of hazardous material. In addition, while EQ had initially promised not to store wastes at this location, Van Buren Township officials and employees witnessed the use of SECSA.

The township continues to receive odor complaints associated with the EQ facility. On Oct. 24, 1996, Van Buren Township issued a citation concerning these odors. Wayne County has also issued citations.



Royal hearts

(Above, left) State Representative Eileen DeHart, Councilman Richard LeBlanc (center) and Asst. Fire Chief Mark Neal (far right) escort newly crowned King and Queen of Hearts, Alice and Carl Jarman on their grand march. (Right) The Jarman's shared a romantic "first" dance with past Kings and Queens at the annual Valentine's Day Dance hosted by the Senior Resource Department at the Westland Friendship Center. MCN photo by Kimberly Woloskie



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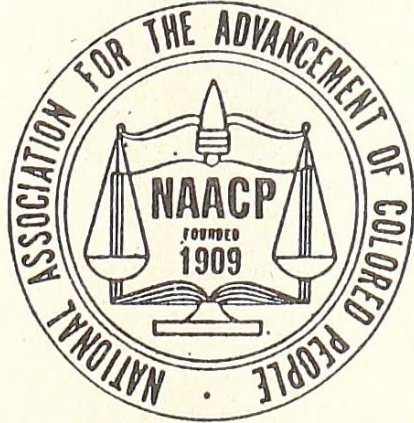
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Reflections

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river Community Conference, both of which are dedicated to improving services to their members.

One of these conferences could provide a site for an out-county branch of the County Clerk's office, with the county-wide elected clerk being responsible for the integrity of the operation at both sites.

Doing so would be one way to halt some of the major gripes of out-county residents who have been crusading for a split from Wayne County into a new Erie or Newburg County.

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chambers as cards are picked by candidates in each race and musical interludes could be added.

Winning candidates could pick out his/her favorite song such as *Happy Days are Here Again* or *The Party's Over* or even *When the Roll is Called Up Yonder, I'll be There.*

Based on the community's love of "games of chance" this system cannot fail.

A sturdy reusable "ballot box" to hold the (elected/not elected) cards needs to be purchased or donated with future elections in

mind.

I would challenge even Mayor William Oakley (who is known for his cost cutting techniques) to come up with a cheaper election process than that.

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Letters

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one must feel that either the City can win or the Council is just afraid to back out of this lawsuit because of personal political concerns. It is clear the City does not control the decision of whether a well will be permitted. That decision is controlled by the State and the USEPA. So why is the City spending hundreds of thousands of dollars in Court fighting EDS when the state will make the decision. Why is the City continuing this lawsuit when the City Attorneys recommended the City settle the matter. On many occasions, I

have seen citizens ask the Council what are our chances of winning this suit and if we win, what do we win. The Council never answers either of these questions. How can the Council believe there's a good chance of winning if the lawyers wanted them settle? The more interesting question is what would the City win. As I see it, the City can not win anything except the privilege of not having to pay damages. Some say the City can win a permanent injunction to stop the Northline Road deepwell project. The State's decision can even overrule such an injunction, so we spend all this money and all we get is the risk of having to pay damages.

The State can also issue a permit on EDS' second site for which there is no existing lawsuit. The bottom line is the State controls the deepwell issue, not the City. In a way, there is very little difference between the railroad whistles and the injection well decision. The sooner the Council realizes there is very little difference, the sooner they will start looking out for the City's interests rather than their own. If I am wrong and the Council feels we really can win something and that we can really control this issue then I request the Council to publicly explain why my view is wrong.

Dolores Witzgall
Romulus

Worst potholes in Western Wayne county reported

There's no shortage of potholes in Western Wayne County and Michigan Community Newspapers is hoping you'll provide us with their locations for the annual *Worst Pothole Contest*.

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35540 Michigan Ave., Wayne, Mich. 48184.

If our editorial staff determines your pothole rates the worst in Western Wayne County, we'll treat your vehicle to a front end alignment.



(Above) The winter weather has done a disservice to Michigan Roads as illustrated by patched road hazards. MCN staff writer Al Post (right) measures the 3 to 4 inch depth of a Wayne Road pothole reported by one of our readers. MCN photo by Kimberly Woloskie

NEW ARRIVALS

Ross O. Jones

Jackie and Mark Jones of Wayne proudly announced the birth of their first son, Ross Oliver Jones, born Jan. 3, 1997 at St. Mary's Hospital of Livonia. Ross weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19 inches in length.

Grandparents are Philip and Alicia Marnon of Wayne and Bob and Sandi Conroy of Trenton.



Ross Oliver Jones

Cheyanna L. Aune

Douglas and Rebecca Aune of Taylor are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Cheyanna Lynn Aune, born Jan. 21 at Garden City Hospital. Cheyanna weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20.5 inches in length. Siblings are Stephanie, 12, Douglas Jr., 11, and William, 5. Grandparents are Robert and Norma Aune of Taylor and Robert and Iva Gross of Taylor.

Tyler B. Harnos

Keith and Teresa Harnos of Wayne are the proud parents of newborn son Tyler Brian Harnos, born Jan. 25 at Garden City Hospital. Tyler weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces and was 21 inches in length. Brand, age 3 years 7 seven months is the older brother of Tyler. Grandparents are Al and Ann Harnos of Garden City and Garold and Donna Howe of Elk River, Idaho.

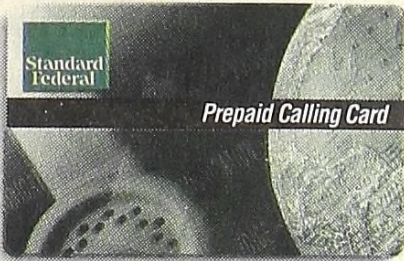
Aaron F. Heinonen

John and Rosemary Heinonen of Westland are the proud parents of newborn son Aaron Francis Heinonen born Jan. 25 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Aaron weighed 7 pounds and was 21 inches in length. Siblings are John Edward age 3 and grandparents, Rosealie Flannery of Wayne, Marshall Ertman of Kalkaska and John and Marge Heinonen of Westland.

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What's happening around town

Under the big top The Moslem Temple Shriners will present the Shrine Circus March 7 to 23 at the State Fair Coliseum.

In the arts The Toledo Museum of Art presents Russian art from Feb. 16 through May 11; In the Spirit of Resistance: African-American Modernists and Mexican Muralist School on view at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House from March 26 through May 25.

On exhibit The Pontiac Silverdome Boat, Sport and Fishing Show will continue through Feb. 16; special Black History Month exhibits and programs at the Henry Ford Museum; Detroit Autorama through Feb. 16 at Cobo Center with many local exhibitors featured.



Six-year-old Andy enjoys a playful moment with his favorite toy, Woody.

On ice Walt Disney's *World On Ice* Toy Story from March 4 to 9 at Joe Louis Arena, featuring Woody, Buzz Lightyear, Mr. Potato Head, the Commander and, of course, Andy.

On stage Ray Charles at the Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor at 8 p.m. Feb. 15; *Noises Off* at the Huron Civic Theatre Feb. 15, 16, 21, 22 and 23; *Labor Day* through March 8 at the Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea; *Time of My Life* through March 1 in repertory at the Hilberry Theatre at Wayne State University; TAP Dogs at the Detroit Opera House from Feb. 18 to 23; *Damn Yankees* at Fisher through March 2.

Coming attractions: Home Improvement Show, April 3-6, Novi Expo Center; Greater Detroit Sportfishing and Travel Expo, March 6 to 9, Palace of Auburn Hills, and *Show Boat* at the Masonic Temple Auditorium, beginning March 13, and the Air Michigan-Wayne County Air Show featuring the U.S. Navy Blue Angels soaring in for performances on May 31 and June 1.

At the movies: *Star Wars* is attracting huge audiences during its comeback. The 1977 George Lucas blockbuster film has been updated with some new technology, but its the classic story of Luke Skywalker, Princess Leia, Han Solo and Darth Vader who continue to draw old fans and new. "May the force be with you!"

Still drawing fans are *Mother, Metro, Portrait of a Lady, In Love and War* and *Zeus and Roxanne* at local theaters.

Good news: It's just five weeks until spring — March 21.

Bad news: Those five weeks can seem very long!



Deborah Lee, Ph.D.

Writer is winner Les Brown shares secrets of success

By JOAN DYER-ZINNER
MCN Managing Editor

Les Brown's message to readers is aptly said in the title of his book, *It's Not Over Until You Win*.

Unlike many people who write recipes for success, Brown does not omit his failures. Instead, he writes frankly about his setbacks and failures, and then goes on to show one can overcome obstacles to become the person he or she always wanted to be.

Les and his twin brother, Wes, were born in low-income Liberty City in Miami and were adopted at six weeks by Mamie Brown, a single woman, who is described by Brown as having "very little education and financial means, but a very big heart."

His restless energy and the inability of his teachers to recognize his potential resulted in his being mislabeled as educable mentally retarded and demoted from the fifth grade to the fourth.

He was labeled as the "dumb twin," and the label and stigma damaged his self-esteem so severely that it took several years to overcome.

Les Brown had no formal education past high school, but with determination he educated himself. His passion to learn and his hunger to realize greatness in himself and others, helped him to achieve success.

He rose from a morning disk jockey to a broadcast manager, then from a community activist to community leader and to three terms as a legislator.

"Believing is powerful," Brown said. "Believing in yourself requires knowing that your life has value and that there is hope for your life."

He offers ways for people to

begin to believe in themselves:

- Get positive encouragement from others and also give yourself internal encouragement.
- Make deposits in a positive memory bank of achievements or good things you have done in your life. Keep a record of positive things to use as a resource when you are down.
- Grant yourself permission to make mistakes now and then.
- Resolve to replace worry with work.
- Get busy on small steps that take you toward your dream. Do not overlook the need to have small victories.
- Look your best so that your appearance reflects show you see yourself and attracts the sort of people you want to attract.

In many sections of the book, the reader can write in his or her thoughts and responses.

In 1986, Brown entered the public speaking arena full-time and formed his own company, Les Brown Unlimited, Inc., to produce motivational tapes, workshops and personal/professional development programs.

Three years later, he was the recipient of the National Speakers Association's highest honor, the Council of Peers Award for Excellence, and was selected as one of America's Top Five Speakers for 1992 by Toastmasters International.

Prior to the publication of *It's Not Over Until You Win*, he wrote *Live Your Dreams*. He also is the former host of the nationally syndicated television talk show, *The Les Brown Show*, and is married to singer Gladys Knight.

His book, published by Simon & Schuster, is on sale at area bookstores for \$23.



Les Brown

Women's options include both career, family life

By JOAN DYER-ZINNER
MCN Managing Editor

During the peak of the women's movement, the message that reached women was that they could have it all — an education, a fulfilling career, a happy marriage, intelligent and adorable children plus cultural and recreational activities to round out their lives.

Consequently, many women began to "run" faster and faster to accomplish these goals, much like a gerbil on a treadmill. If there weren't enough hours in the day to achieve it all, then they had to arise earlier or go to sleep later. And, all the time they told themselves that they had to remain efficient, ambitious, slender, smart and perky.

Now, women are taking a new look at their expectations and working — not so much to achieve everything — but to achieve a satisfactory balance in their lives.

Deborah Lee, Ph.D., has written *Having It All, Having Enough* to help women sort out what is important in their lives and explains how to develop strategies with their spouses to strike a satisfying balance between work and home life.

She highlights essential building blocks to aid couples in creating their own personal family/career combinations. They include:

- Learning to trust and respect the needs of others, particularly those of their partner.
- Imposing limits on expectations and accepting oneself as less than perfect.
- Practicing the art of "time management" and embracing a change.
- Taking time out to take care of oneself.
- Negotiating for flexibility and support from both spouse and boss.
- Developing networks for social support.

Touching on gender-role stereotypes, workaholic and political and social attitudes toward children, the book goes well beyond the realm of self-help advice for overwhelmed parents. Lee urges business leaders and policy makers to ac-

knowledge the vital importance of parenting and heed the need for change — for the sake of all families and for the security of our social order and economic future.

Lee emphasizes the integral connections among families, communities and corporations. She advocates opportunities for flexible and reduced hours for jobs at all levels, expanded opportunities for parents to work at home and children to come to work, benefits for part-time work and tax breaks for companies that institute family-friendly policies and see them through.

Seemingly in response to her call for changes in the way businesses deal with family emergencies, President Clinton last Saturday urged Congress to expand the family medical leave law (which allows 12 weeks of unpaid leave for medical emergencies) to allow parents to take time off work to deal with family obligations. The President's goal is to allow workers to take up to 24 hours of unpaid leave annually to attend parent-teacher conferences or take a child to dental or medical appointments.

Lee grew up in a family with a "super mom."

"My mother had three children in three and one-half years. She worked full time and did everything. I was in awe of her, because she could handle more than I could," said Lee. "Because of her, I had a 'jump' on the women's movement. I knew what a woman's potential was, because I had seen it."

"In the book, I want to help women decide what 'enough' is, and then to implement their vision of it. Each woman's answer will be individual," she said. "The dilemma for most women is that the definition of a good mother and a good adult are in conflict. You can never, ever, fulfill both roles because they are contradictory. And when women can't do both, they feel guilty."

"Women are affected by the conflicting expectations for the roles they play. As workers and adults, they — like men — are expected to be strong, competent, competitive, articulate, rational, assertive and tough. As

women and as mother, they are simultaneously expected to be empathic, warm, understanding, patient, sensitive, giving and self-effacing," she said. "Clearly it is impossible to fulfill the expectations of both roles simultaneously. This damned if you do, dammed-if-you-don't conundrum makes it difficult for a woman to figure out who she really is and what she wants to do. The only solution for is for women to reject the social expectations associated with their roles and create their own definitions, standards and goals."

She talks about the importance of women taking time to "re-group" between work and home. She liked the method that 34th District Court Judge Tina Green uses. After a busy day in court, Green has a bubble bath. Then she is ready to assume her role as wife and mother, she told MCN in a recent interview.

"That's an excellent example of how a woman can take care of herself," said Lee.

She is a strong advocate of talking things out with one's spouse.

"Listening is the verb of love," Lee said.

Lee noted that problems of sharing work and family chores are complicated by the current trend in business where downsizing has resulted in some people losing their jobs and not working at all, while others are working 70 hours a week.

Step-by-step methods of negotiating with spouses and bosses are outlined in the book and should provide many tips and techniques for women to improve their work and home lives. Some 40 married and single people are used to illustrate how individuals can work out plans for a balanced life, tailored to fit their unique situations.

"Part of creating balanced, integrated lives is to keep going, to forgive ourselves, to turn to our sources of support, internal and external, and to know that the effort itself is worthwhile," she said.

The book is published by Amacom and sells for \$21.95 in hard cover.

Book reveals legacy of Nazism

By JOAN DYER-ZINNER
MCN Managing Editor

The 500-page legacy of Nazism, written by Marie Ueda, is a "heavy" book in more ways than one, but one that fills a long-neglected gap in history.

This clearly is not a book one would select for casual reading — the topic is serious, the interviews are deep and probing and the result is an informative and disturbing account of Germany, before and after the Berlin Wall.

Ueda presents 80 interviews on the legacy of the Nazis, documented through the stories of Germans, Austrians, Poles, British, Americans and Jews who were personally involved in pre- and post-World War II.

The San Francisco-based author, who grew up in post-war Japan was prompted to write the book after chronicling the horrors of the Holocaust and World War II in Germany. She set about interviewing everyone "who would sit down and talk — Americans, Jews, Germans."

In gathering the material for the book, she interviewed some 300 people, including author William Shirer, former West German Prime Minister Willy Brandt and Lord Shawcross, who was the chief prosecutor at the Nuremberg trials. In addition, many Holocaust survivors and post-war German youths were interviewed.

When Ueda attempted to interview German neo-Nazi leader Arnulf Preim, he told her, "I'll give you no interview without a payment of 500 Deutsch marks (DM.)" Ueda reports that Preim's voice mail plays a

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recording of the German national anthem, and then the message, "I'm not at home. Please, leave your message," followed by the sound of a machine gun.

A German Jew, Renee Duerling, told the author that, although there were reports of gas chambers and internment camps in the early 1940s, many people, including her own father, thought it was war propaganda from the British.

Duerling tells that she and her husband were loaded into a cattle train and shipped to the Auschwitz camp with 1,005 Dutch Jews. He died three months later, and she was sterilized without anesthesia in a medical experiment. However, the procedure only destroyed her left ovary. The right one remained functional "thanks" to the botched operation by a former barber who had been recruited as a surgeon.

In the interview, Duerling recalled meeting an innocent-looking young German soldier in Dresden after the war ended. He told her about his work in the

Auschwitz-Birkenau extermination camp where he dropped the Zyklone-B gas into the chambers to suffocate the prisoners within. When he finished his detailed story about his involvement in the deaths of thousands of prisoners, Duerling told him that she was a survivor from the same camp.

After the war, she had a daughter, lived in Israel and finally settled in the United States.

Many similar stories are related in addition to reports from students, young Jews and Germans, present day neo-Nazis and journalists who covered the war. The many views expressed form a mosaic of the experiences of those who lived through the Holocaust, and serve to keep the present generation mindful of the past.

The book, published by Ajalon Printing, sells for \$45, and may be obtained from M.I. Productions, P.O. Box 642219, San Francisco, Cal. 94164-2219. (Contact MIP for information on postage and handling costs.)

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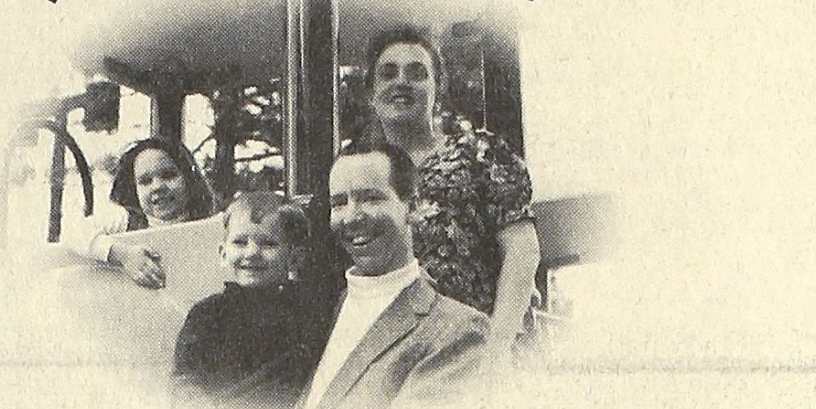
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Jim White was lucky. A donor was found in time, giving him the chance to watch his kids grow up. Shouldn't everyone get the same chance?

Pumpkin Festival planned

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Additional plans for the first annual Romulus Pumpkin Festival slated for Sept. 20-21 in downtown Romulus will be formulated Feb. 20 in the Community Room of Romulus City Hall.

Festival coordinators Susan Watts and Maria Lambert said the meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and is open to anyone interested in working toward a successful festival.

Future meetings will be held the third Thursday of each month.

Watts urged "if you participate in a civic, service, youth or school group or belong to any club or organization in Romulus please consider planning one of your fund raising events at the festival."

Lambert said the festival committee is also taking applications for crafters and merchandise or food vendors. "We also are looking for entertainers and performers, who would like to display their talents at the festival," she said.

Performer applications are available by calling Ellen Bragg at 942- 9207 between 3 and 8 p.m.

Further information can be obtained by calling Watts at 941-0476 (before 8 p.m.) and Lambert before 5 p.m.

Local writers pen essays

Harris-Kehrer Post 3323 and Plymouth VFW Post 6695 along with both Ladies Auxiliary groups recently hosted their annual *Voice of Democracy* essay competition.

Bonena Needham was the top winner, taking home \$250 in prizes while second and third place went to Maegan Ramsey (\$150) and David Sonak (\$100).

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Westland nursing center takes home three major awards for service, care

For the first time, a single facility has captured three of the five top awards given annually by the Health Care Association of Michigan (HCAM) to recognize excellence in the delivery of long term care.

Westland Convalescent Center (WCC), 36137 W. Warren Road, received HCAM's:

- CENA (Certified Nurse Assistant) of the Year Award, to recognize the state's top nurse assistant
- Public Relations Award, for WCC's efforts to enlist community and media support to help find a schizophrenic patient who had wandered away
- the President's Award, to recognize the state's top long term care administrator, WCC's Judith Caroselli, a resident of Northville.

"This is the first time in HCAM's history that one facility has collected all three prestigious awards in a single year," said HCAM Executive Vice President Reginald Carter. "It is a testament to the excellent staff, dedicated leadership and innovative management practices at Westland Convalescent Center."

CENA of the Year went to Lucy Johnson, who has delivered superior patient care for nine years at WCC. Judges consider a variety of criteria in selecting a winner including employee and customer testimonials, attendance and performance records, enthusiasm and dedication.

"I am proud of the work I do at WCC and very pleased to have gotten this award," said Johnson. "Not just anybody can do the job of a nurse aide. It's hard work, but it's just about the most rewarding job there is."

HCAM's Public Relations Award - new this year - is to recognize and encourage facilities for outstanding work with the media.

Early this year, upon learning that a confused, schizophrenic elderly man had wandered away from the facility, WCC leadership and staff instantly mobilized workers, family members, community volunteers and local print and

television media in a county wide search that led to the quick and safe return of the resident.

"Even in the best facilities, a resident elopement sometimes happens and it becomes a very frightening situation for residents, families and staff alike," said Carter. "In this case, WCC staff mobilized every single resource at their disposal and mounted an in-

credibly effective and well organized search. Their response to the crisis and proactive approach to working with media was ideal."

Caroselli was selected to receive HCAM's President's Award from among more than 300 nursing home administrators. The award recognizes outstanding leadership ability and contributions to the long term care field.

Caroselli began her career in long term care at WCC as a registered nurse 25 years ago and has been administrator for 20 years. She has served on the HCAM Board of Directors and various HCAM committees for four years.

"Judy Caroselli exemplifies the kind of caring and dedicated leadership that the HCAM President's Award is all about," said HCAM President

Frank Wronski, of the Medi-Lodge Group. "It is our great pleasure to recognize her for her years of contributions to HCAM and her residents."

Caroselli said this year has been an incredible one for the WCC's staff and residents. "I am thrilled with the recognition WCC has received this year," said Caroselli. "To be able to bring home three out of the association's five major

awards is a real affirmation of the team approach to care here at WCC. From ownership and management down to every aide, technician and maintenance person, we put patients first here at Westland Convalescent Center - and it shows."

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4 named as Stephen Ministers

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Four lay members of the Romulus Community United Methodist Church were commissioned recently to be Stephen Ministers for the church.

The four include: Debbie Lewis, wife of Pastor Brad Lewis; Mildred Qualls, Julie Komaromi and Greg Kizer.

Preparation for becoming a Stephen Minister requires extensive hours of training on issues such as dealing with persons' feelings, crisis intervention and asserting oneself gently but firmly with hurting families.

The four members will now serve both with community and church members, who are experiencing life crises such as hospitalization, retirement, severe financial setbacks and/or loss of a loved one.

Pastor Lewis told his congregation "their ministries will do much to increase the church's overall ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ."

He also urged them to "keep these people in your prayers as they carry out their caring ministries among us."

Romulus buying 10 police cars

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Bid requests for 10 new Romulus police cars were approved Jan. 13 by the city council.

Mayor William Oakley urged the council to seek bids for the new vehicles that will replace three current police cars that were damaged and seven that are in "bad condition, have high mileage and parts availability" are becoming a problem."

From gang to God

Minister reaches out to youth after turning life around

By IVAN HELFMAN
MCN Staff Writer

Although Ronald Matthews is now a minister who devotes 30 hours a week to helping troubled youth go straight, he was once a gun-toting enforcer for a teenage gang and later a reckless rip-off artist who robbed dope houses until a hit man shot him in the throat.

"I used to be a leader of the Lemoyne Gardens Gang in the early 1970s, a pack of 11- to-16 year-old bald-headed boys who graduated to long hair. We were rough and tough boys looking for mischief," he said,

explaining that Lemoyne Gardens, the area in Inkster by Middlebelt, Henry Ruff, Annapolis, and Carlyle, is sometimes dubbed Little Saigon.

"As the gang enforcer, I had all the guns. If someone had to be cracked in the head, I did it. I was always putting stitches in someone's head," he said.

Matthew's violence wasn't a result of pure maliciousness. It was a result of the pointless murder of his older brother.

"I became a bitter young man after State Police killed my 14-year-old brother James at a red light in a case of mistaken identity in 1968," he said.

"He was at the wrong place at the wrong time."

Demoralized by James' death, Matthews turned from the gang life to the fast life.

"I started chasing girls and ended up on drugs -- pills, marijuana, heroin, and cocaine," he said.

To support himself, he started robbing drug dealers, hauling in guns, jewelry, bags of dope and \$1,500 to \$25,000 per stickup.

"Robbing was thrilling," he said. "It meant that I was a tough guy and most men I knew wanted to be tough guys. I was always looking for the

challenge of a shoot out. Normally I robbed places that I frequented and knew the layout. We had a helper inside so we knew how many guns were in the house and who was armed."

The robberies went smoothly but sometimes would result in violent retaliations.

"I would usually drop out of sight for a few days to give my victims a chance to calm down and wonder what I would do if there was a confrontation," he said. "When someone came looking for me, it would be a drive-by shooting. A car would round the corner, a window

would roll down, a gun would fire. Then I'd pull out mine and shoot back. But once I built up a reputation as one who would shoot back, I usually didn't have problems. I was involved in about five or six intensive shoot-outs."

The worst problems were when a victim put out a contract on him.

He said: "When there was a contract, I didn't know where the heat was coming from. Often I had to leave the state when word was out on the street that somebody was looking to kill me. Once a contract is put out, you know it because everybody starts walking away from you."

In 1973, a contract killer shot Matthews in the throat with a 9 mm pistol, shot his partner in the stomach, and killed an innocent bystander at the corner of Carlyle and Harrison.

"It didn't change me. I continued to rob and fight the police," he said.

A fight with police, who maced him, cracked open his head, arrested him for disorderly conduct, led to a conviction for disorderly conduct. But Matthews escaped punishment for the more serious crimes.

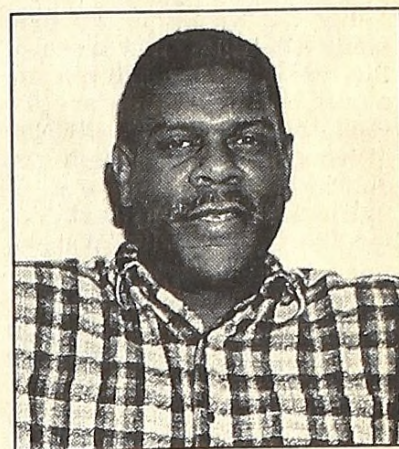
What turned him around in 1987 was his cross addiction to heroin, cocaine, and alcohol.

"I was tired of the same old life," he said. "I had four kids and didn't want my kids to be a product of me. I knew I was potentially a better man so I went in and out of rehabilitation. But rehab didn't do me any good. It was more degrading than helpful. They had me do silly things every day, like telling myself that my name was Ronnie, that I was an addict, and that I was living in unreal society. I knew that."

He didn't find salvation until a sister told him about God.

"I decided to go to the Greater Grace Church (then in Inkster, now in Taylor) and see if the Holy Spirit would receive me," he said. "On June 14, 1987, God filled me with his spirit and from that day to this I haven't used drugs, drunk alcohol, or smoked tobacco."

His conversion inspired him to become a minister at Greater Grace, a 600-member congregation, where he ministers to youth.



Ronald Matthews

"I received certification as a substance abuse counselor," he said.

He not only counsels on Fridays at Greater Grace but runs an outreach ministry, Brothers and Sisters of Love Organization, he formed in 1991 with another former addict.

"We work with over 100 kids in the summer," he said. "We try to take them on one outing per month. We pay."

Using his earnings and bonuses as a Chrysler worker, he takes kids to Cedar Point and other fun places.

"Kids from the projects are often deprived of love and support. We give it to them and let them know they can be other things besides drug dealers," he said. "The kids are welcome at my home. They're welcome to go to church with me."

Interested kids may join the program by calling him at 313-722-7133.

Matthews also is a volunteer worker in Inkster after school sports programs and little leagues.

"In the future, I plan to concentrate on the ministry and do whatever I can do to make the community better," he said.

Matthews turned 40 on Jan. 15. Hundreds of birthday cards cover the coffee and lamp tables in the living room of his ranch home in Inkster, where he lives with daughters, Keisha and Rhonda, and sons, Elijah and Joshua. Grown daughters, Neolite and Tekela, have moved on.

Matthews received over \$1,300 in presents. It's clear that that the one-time street thug is now cherished by hundreds of people.

Considering his past, Matthews said, "It's a real blessing to still be healthy and alive, to still have my family. Renita, my wife of 15 years, stuck with me despite seeing people come to my house to kill me."

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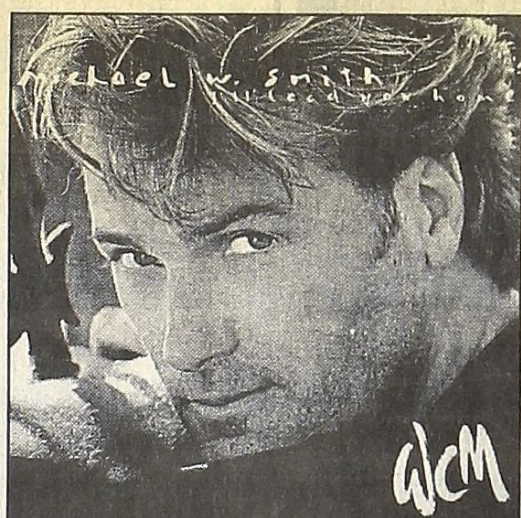
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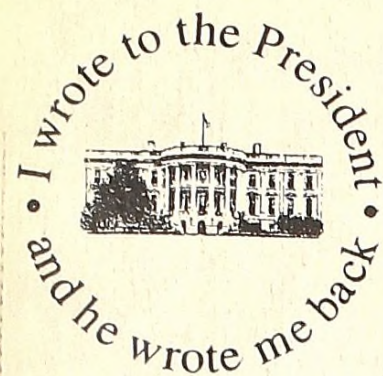
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By KIMBERLY WOLOSKE
MCN Staff Writer

A classroom of Madison Elementary School students have a pretty famous pen pal with the return address of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington D.C.

Last fall students chose to write President Bill Clinton following his successful re-election campaign in November. Just last week 33 of Madeline Sommerman's fifth grade students received the response of a lifetime.

"We all received a letter from the president, stickers, facts about his life and an autographed picture," said Andrew Lada. "He sent us some pretty nice stuff."

Teacher Madeline Sommerman said the initial letter writing assignment was part of a social studies unit on penning letters of congratulations. It was up to the students to select a recipient and become knowledgeable of standard letter writing styles. From then on, they were on their own.

"I wrote in my letter that I had a lot of respect for him because he tried hard in his campaign, but that I wished a woman would run for president," said fifth grader Maria Soleau.

Jennifer Murch said she told the president what she thought about the 1996 campaign and that she thought he was doing very well, so far.

Letters included words of praise, suggestions, and even a few innocent propositions.

"I asked the president if he wanted to have dinner at my house," said Brian DeVore.

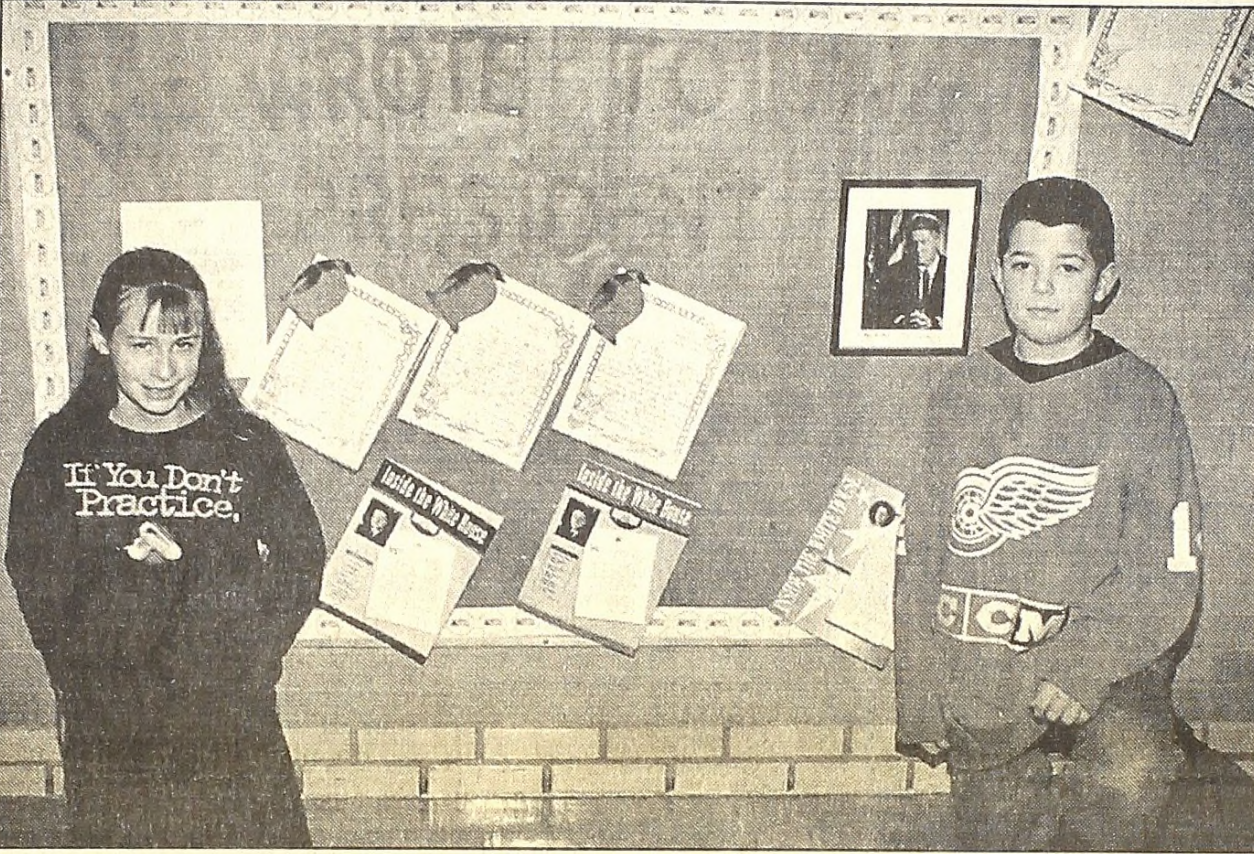
Sommerman's students were most impressed with Clinton's interest in improving the public education system. In his letter he said his administration would continue to address a number of important issues including providing security to hardworking families, bring people closer together at the community level and further expanding educational opportunities for America's students.

"I like the president because he promised to make our schools better and to take out gangs and drugs," said Jason Lind.

Madison Elementary School participated in a national voting project sponsored by the CNN news network prior to the November election. School-wide voting was held followed by the submission of their results to a Lansing representative who tabulated Michigan school children's votes and sent them along to be added to the national totals.

The Westland elementary school students thought their results mirrored the voting trends of their parents as Clinton defeated candidate Bob

Letter writing assignment nets students a presidential response



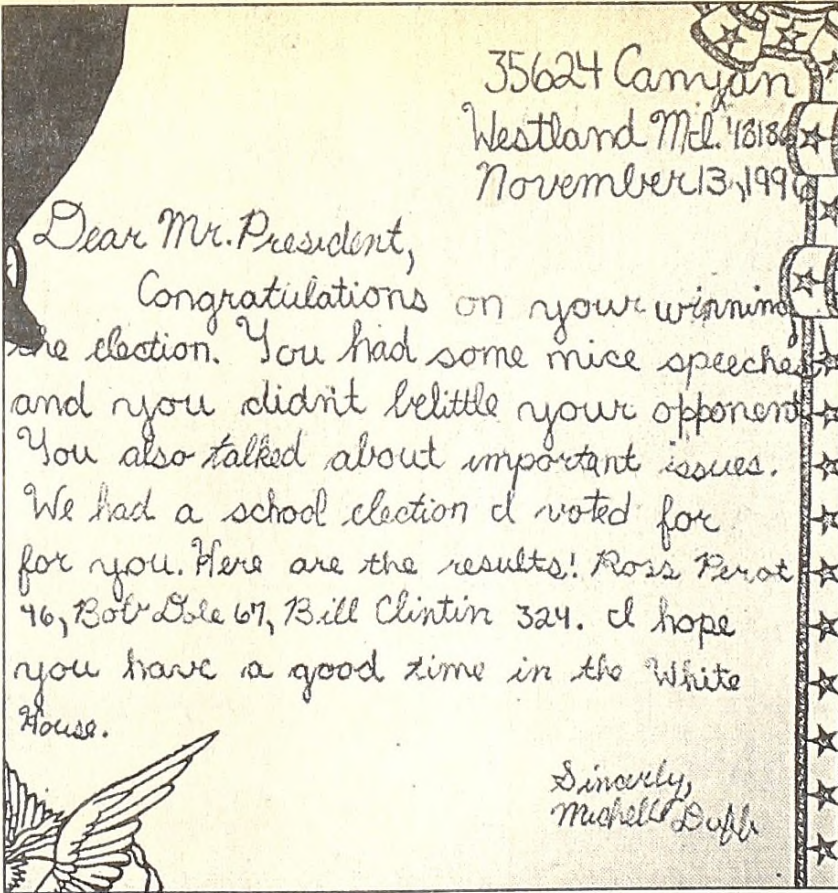
Dole, 324 to 67.

Students spent weeks researching strategies, analyzing the debates, and discussing campaign issues before they formulated their own opinion of the candidates. Courtney Watkins said she wasn't impressed with the negative criticism Dole and candidate Ross Perot aimed at the president.

"Sometimes it seemed like they were forgetting the real issues and were just worried about saying bad things about the other person," said Watkins. "President Clinton wasn't doing that."

Fifth grader Michelle Duff's letter best illustrates the consensus of Sommerman's entire class:

"Dear Mr. President, Congratulations on your winning the election. You had some nice speeches and you didn't belittle your opponent. We had a school election I voted for for you. Here are the results! Ross Perot 46, Bob Dole 67, Bill Clinton 324. I hope you have a good time in the White House. Sincerely, Michelle Duff."



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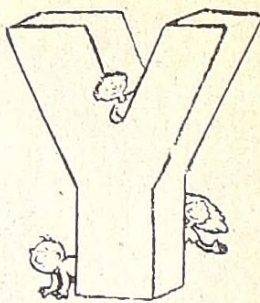
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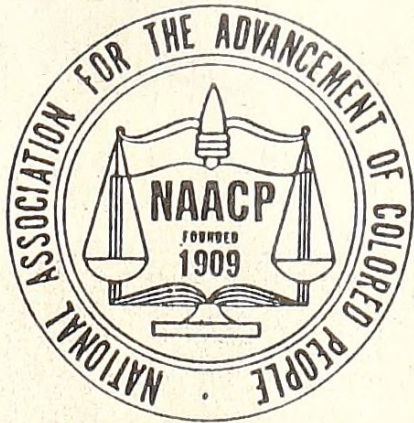
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Despite potholes, truck-death case proceeds

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Despite claims that deep potholes, lack of street lighting and skimpy foot-wide road shoulders created a potential "death trap" and contributed to a pedestrian's death, 34th District Court Judge William Szlinis bound over vehicular manslaughter and alcohol-driving related charges against a Romulus motorist last Wednesday.

The defendant, Joseph Mabelitini, had been arrested on Dec. 20 and charged with the traffic offenses linked to the death of Timothy Taylor, 34, a new Romulus resident.

Mr. Taylor, a pedestrian, reportedly was struck by Mabelitini's black Chevrolet Blazer while walking on Inkster road (near Goddard road)

"Mabelitini then 'stopped his truck and walked toward me and asked if I saw the mail box or stop sign he hit.'"
- Ken Beasinger

the night of Dec. 20.

Friends of Taylor said he became sick at work that night and left early. He was walking to a meeting spot from where a co-worker was going to drive him home, when he was fatally injured, friends said.

The case will continue Feb. 19 in Wayne County Circuit Court in Detroit.

A witness to the accident, Ken Beasinger of Taylor, said

he was attracted to the pending crash by the fact that he saw Mabelitini's truck lights weaving on Inkster road as it came toward his tractor-trailer truck.

Beasinger said he pulled off the road to make sure he was not hit, when he heard "a thud and then saw Mr. Taylor's body flying through the air."

Mabelitini then "stopped his truck and walked toward me and asked if I saw the mail box or stop sign he hit," Beasinger testified.

"I told him he hit a person," Beasinger said, "and we walked over to find the victim's body."

The witness and driver then walked to a nearby house and asked the occupant to call 9-1-1, the court was told.

Chief Wayne County Medical Examiner Sawait Kanlue

told the court that Mr. Taylor had been struck from behind by the truck and that he suffered fractures of the skull, neck, hip and backbone.

The prosecution then produced state lab records that showed Mabelitini's blood/alcohol level was .10, a rate that qualified him for the operating a vehicle under the influence charge.

Romulus Police Officer John Hlinak testified Mr. Taylor had "already expired by the time I arrived on the scene."

Hlinak admitted talking with Mabelitini, who he said had an odor of alcohol on his breath and admitted having about three beers prior to the accident.

While Mabelitini was cooperative, the officer said he failed two alcohol related field tests, one for balance and one in which he was asked to recite numbers in reverse.

A second officer, Clifford West, testified he photographed various parts of the accident scene that night and

the following morning, showing the damage to the Blazer and its flat tire.

West admitted finding a rural mail box shorn off its post as well as paint chips and truck parts that he assumed came from Mabelitini's truck.

Defense attorney Michael Vincent questioned various witnesses repeatedly, often facing challenges from the Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Demetria Brue and reminders from Szlinis that "this is a preliminary hearing, not a full trial at this point."

Finally during West's testimony, Vincent flustered both Szlinis and the prosecutor by asking "were there any Lotto tickets among his scattered possessions." Szlinis forcefully asked Vincent "please move on."

Vincent asked for dismissal of the complaints saying the state failed to prove that the accident "was the substantial cause of Mr. Taylor's death, since the main witness did not see the actual impact and never saw my client even

travel over the center line."

The attorney also alluded to the fact that the roadway was not lighted and contained many "chuckholes" that made normal driving difficult and could have led to the image that his client was weaving on Inkster road.

Vincent also added that the shoulder of the road the victim was walking on was so narrow in spots, it could have forced him to walk on the road at times particularly to get around rural mailboxes.

He called the traffic conditions at the accident scene, a potential "death trap."

After the hearing, John Winger of Romulus said the victim was his "best friend for many years...possibly since junior high. He lived with me in recent months and I got him a job at Wayne Manufacturing."

"He fell ill that night and was walking to a nearby site, where I was going to pick him up a few hours later," Winger continued. "He would have celebrated his 35th birthday two weeks later."

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Romulus council rescinds sale of Van Born property

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Confusion over sale procedures for city owned properties, led to Councilwoman Deborah Romak rescinding a previous city council bid acceptance for property on Van Born road.

Originally the council spurred on by Romak voted 5-2 to sell the listed 11.83 acres at Van Born and Inkster roads to the BLB Corp. for \$135,000 rather than accept an offer of \$242,500 from Anthony Soave. Only Councilmen William Crova and Michael Prybyla initially opposed the sale to BYB.

The city's Property Disposition Committee also had recommended the sale to the higher bidder, Crova said.

Mayor William Oakley was

preparing a letter of veto over the council action, until he learned that Romak would move to rescind the council's action.

Paul Lozon of BLB attended the Feb. 3 meeting urging the council to stand by its original action, stating BLB has worked closely with the city in the past as its business has increased.

"BLB has paid more than necessary for property improvements in the past to keep the appearance of quality," Lozon said.

BLB values its relationship with the city, but feels it has been facing only roadblocks recently, Lozon added. BLB revealed it is seeking the adjoining property to enlarge its business operations.

Part of the problem over the

land sale procedures Oakley said was because the city was without an assessor for a period of time. The assessor's role in this issue is "key," Romak admitted, since he is the one who sets the market value for the land.

In an effort to make sure similar land sale crises do not occur again, the council decided to put together a study session with City Assessor William Griffin on the sale procedures to determine what changes in city efforts need to be made, if any.

In this particular case Griffin had recently issued a land value of \$154,000 for the 11.83 acres, which makes the BLB bid below market value and thus unacceptable to the city.

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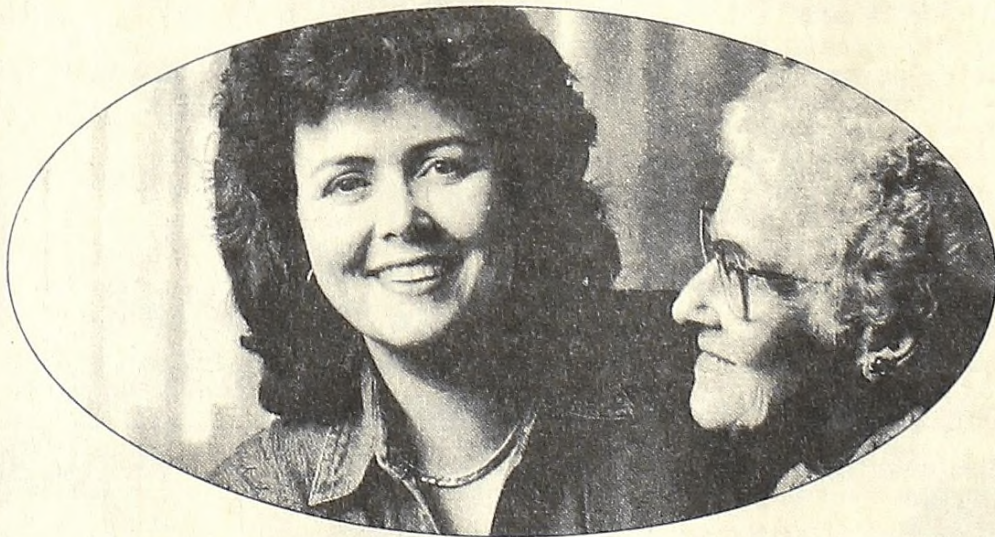
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Missing: 10/09/96 Age Now: 16 Yr
Missing From: CHICAGO, IL Age Disap: 16 Yr
Birth: 08/03/80 Race: WHITE HISP
Sex: F Weight: 97 lbs
Height: 5'2" Eyes: BROWN
Hair: BROWN
Id Info: Child may have a scar on her car lobe.
Circum: Child may still be in the area.

KRISTEN LEANNE HERBERT

Endangered runaway



Missing: 10/28/95 Age Now: 14 Yr
Missing From: ROUND ROCK, TX Age Disap: 13 Yr
Birth: 06/23/82 Race: WHITE
Sex: F Weight: 125 lbs
Height: 5'3" Eyes: BLUE
Hair: BROWN
Id Info: None available.
Circum: Child originally ran with a friend; however, the friend has since returned. Child hasn't been heard from or seen since.

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Endangered missing



Missing: 08/16/96 Age Now: 14 Yr
Missing From: MILAN, TN Age Disap: 14 Yr
Birth: 07/14/82 Race: WHITE
Sex: F Weight: 120 lbs
Height: 5'4" Eyes: BROWN
Hair: L BROWN
Id Info: Child has a strawberry birthmark on the underside of her lower left arm.
Circum: Child was last known to be at her residence on August 16, 1996. Her family came home to find her missing and the back door left open. FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED

KAREN LYN LOFLAND


Endangered missing



Missing: 09/19/96 Age Now: 14 Yr
Missing From: SOUTH HADLEY, MA Age Disap: 14 Yr
Birth: 02/15/82 Race: WHITE
Sex: F Weight: 135 lbs
Height: 5'5" Eyes: BLUE
Hair: BROWN
Id Info: NONE AVAILABLE.
Circum: Child may be with Jimmy Ray Legate, W/M, age 41, wanted for probation violation by Brevard Co. Sheriff's Office, Titusville, FL. Last seen in a 1988 blue Honda Prelude, MA 886 YSA.

SASHA YVONNE GLOVER


Endangered runaway



Missing: 10/09/96 Age Now: 16 Yr
Missing From: BUCKEYE, AZ Age Disap: 16 Yr
Birth: 06/08/80 Race: WHITE
Sex: F Weight: 100 lbs
Height: 5'3" Eyes: BLUE
Hair: L BROWN
Id Info: Child has a birthmark on her upper left arm and has "SYG" tattooed on her right ankle. She has asthma and may be in need of an inhaler. She may be using the alias Sasha Hayes.
Circum: Child may be with an adult male companion. They may have gone to Mexico.

EMILY MARIE POFERL

Endangered runaway



Missing: 11/09/96 Age Now: 16 Yr
Missing From: ST. PAUL, MN Age Disap: 16 Yr
Birth: 06/25/80 Race: WHITE
Sex: F Weight: 110 lbs
Height: 5'3" Eyes: BLUE
Hair: BROWN
Id Info: None available.
Circum: Child was last known to be in the Hialeah, Florida area on November 16, 1996.

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Non-family abduction



Missing: 05/30/90 Age Now: 5 Yr
Missing From: COQUITLAM, BC, CN Age Disap: 1 Mo
Birth: 04/22/90 Race: ASIAN
Sex: F Weight: 10 lbs
Height: 2'0" Eyes: BROWN
Hair: BLACK
Id Info: Child is of East Indian descent.
Circum: Child was last seen in her parents' car which was parked for approximately 20 minutes outside of a shopping mall. When parents returned, the child and her car seat were gone.

PETER JOHN MCCOLL


Endangered missing



Missing: 08/28/95 Age Now: 17 Yr
Missing From: BERKELEY, CA Age Disap: 16 Yr
Birth: 07/30/79 Race: WHITE
Sex: M Weight: 160 lbs
Height: 6'0" Eyes: BLUE
Hair: BROWN
Id Info: He may have a skull tattoo on his upper left arm. He was wearing contacts when he was last seen and may be in need of a new pair. He did not have his eyeglasses with him.
Circum: Child was last seen leaving his home to go to a bookstore. He may no longer be in California.

VINCENT DEMAR CLAYTON


Endangered missing



Missing: 05/24/96 Age Now: 14 Yr
Missing From: MONROSE, MI Age Disap: 13 Yr
Birth: 08/30/82 Race: BLACK
Sex: M Weight: 125 lbs
Height: 5'5" Eyes: BROWN
Hair: BLACK
Id Info: None available.
Circum: Child may be in need of medical assistance.

JACQUELINE ANN WARD

Endangered missing



Missing: 01/13/95 Age Now: 19 Yr
Missing From: GAITHERSBURG, MD Age Disap: 17 Yr
Birth: 02/11/77 Race: WHITE
Sex: F Weight: 190 lbs
Height: 5'9" Eyes: BROWN
Hair: BLACK
Id Info: Child has a scar on her right ankle. She is missing a tooth on the upper left side of her mouth.
Circum: Child is in need of medical attention.

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REBECCA LYNN COOK




Birth: 12/14/52
Sex: F Race: WHITE
Height: 5'8" Weight: 120 lbs
Hair: BLACK Eyes: HAZEL
Alias: REBECCA GARBRICH
Id Info: None available.
Circum: Felony warrant for Kidnapping a Minor and Violation of a Custody Order issued 10/31/90.

KRENEICE JONES




Missing: 05/10/92 Age Now: 7 Yr
Missing From: WOODVILLE, MS Age Disap: 3 Yr
Birth: 11/30/88 Race: BLACK
Sex: F Weight: 33 lbs
Height: 2'11" Eyes: BROWN
Hair: BROWN
Id Info: Child has a scar in front of her right ear. She was last seen wearing a multi-color one-piece shorts outfit with a black and white polka-dot tie and pink slipper sandals.
Circum: Child last seen near a grocery store 4 mi. east of Woodville on Hwy 24. She was with 2 yr-old boy, LaMoine Allen, who is also missing. Children are considered at risk.

SILVERIA GOMEZ



Missing: 07/07/96 Age Now: 15 Yr
Missing From: DINUBA, CA Age Disap: 15 Yr
Birth: 12/31/80 Race: WHITE HISP
Sex: F Weight: 125 lbs
Height: 5'4" Eyes: BLACK
Hair: BLACK
Id Info: Child has a black beauty mark on her left cheek and a small wart in the middle of her upper lip.
Circum: Child may be traveling with an adult male.

TILWANDA DENISE CHEATHAM



Missing: 08/11/89 Age Now: 15 Yr
Missing From: AIKEN, SC Age Disap: 8 Yr
Birth: 12/04/80 Race: BLACK
Sex: F Weight: 70 lbs
Height: 4'1" Eyes: BROWN
Hair: BLACK
Id Info: Child was last seen wearing a white top, red flower print shorts, and tennis shoes.
Circum: Child was last seen at home. She is considered to be at risk as lost, injured or otherwise missing.

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Missing: 04/02/90 Age Now: 14 Yr
Missing From: FORT WAYNE, IN Age Disap: 9 Yr
Birth: 04/16/81 Race: WHITE
Sex: M Weight: 65 lbs
Height: 4'8" Eyes: GREY
Hair: BROWN
Id Info: None available.
Circum: Child and his sisters, Audrey and Angelina, were abducted by their non-custodial mother, Rebecca Lynn Cook.


BRIAN MARK BIXLER



Missing: 11/14/93 Age Now: 16 Yr
Missing From: SEASIDE, CA Age Disap: 14 Yr
Birth: 04/24/79 Race: WHITE HISP
Sex: M Weight: 140 lbs
Height: 5'0" Eyes: HAZEL
Hair: L BROWN
Id Info: None available.
Circum: Child has never run before.

JESUS DE LA CRUZ


Non-family abduction



Missing: 09/28/96 Age Now: 6 Yr
Missing From: LYNN, MA Age Disap: 6 Yr
Birth: 01/03/90 Race: WHITE HISP
Sex: M Weight: 60 lbs
Height: 4'5" Eyes: BROWN
Hair: BROWN
Id Info: Child has a scar above his left eye and a birthmark on his left calf and on the left side of his forehead. His left ear is pierced.
Circum: Child was last seen walking on Park Street in Lynn, Massachusetts on September 28, 1996.

ADAM MATHEW FINCH

Non-family abduction



Missing: 08/06/96 Age Now: 4 Yr
Missing From: PANAMA CITY, FL Age Disap: 4 Yr
Birth: 10/17/91 Race: WHITE
Sex: M Weight: 42 lbs
Height: 3'3" Eyes: BROWN
Hair: BROWN
Id Info: Child was last seen wearing a dark blue cotton shirt and shorts and black high-top sneakers. He had an eye infection at the time and his eyes may be red.
Circum: Child was last seen riding his bicycle near his home at Tyndall Air Force Base in Panama City, Florida.

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Endangered missing



Missing: 12/08/96 Age Now: 15 Yr
Missing From: HOUSTON, TX Age Disap: 15 Yr
Birth: 06/22/81 Race: WHITE
Sex: F Weight: 107 lbs
Height: 5'2" Eyes: GREEN
Hair: BROWN
Id Info: Child has a scar on her right shoulder.
Circum: Child was last seen at a friend's house on Sherwood Forest Street on the evening of December 8, 1996.

ANETTE MARIE BEAMAN


Non-family abduction



Missing: 07/12/96 Age Now: 15 Yr
Missing From: WINONA, MO Age Disap: 14 Yr
Birth: 10/24/81 Race: WHITE
Sex: F Weight: 120 lbs
Height: 5'6" Eyes: BROWN
Hair: BROWN
Id Info: Child has a scar on her forehead and on one of her toes.
Circum: Child may be in the company of an adult male.

HEATHER RENEE ROUNSAVILL


Endangered runaway



Missing: 11/25/96 Age Now: 16 Yr
Missing From: LEWISBURG, TN Age Disap: 16 Yr
Birth: 02/02/80 Race: WHITE
Sex: F Weight: 110 lbs
Height: 5'0" Eyes: BLUE
Hair: BLONDE
Id Info: Child may be wearing eyeglasses or contact lenses.
Circum: The vehicle the child and her friends were traveling in was found abandoned along the Mexican border near El Paso, Texas. They may have crossed over in to Mexico.

ZACHARY XERXES RAMSAY


Endangered missing



Missing: 02/06/96 Age Now: 10 Yr
Missing From: GREAT FALLS, MT Age Disap: 10 Yr
Birth: 12/18/85 Race: BLACK
Sex: M Weight: 100 lbs
Height: 4'0" Eyes: BROWN
Hair: BROWN
Id Info: Child has a scar between his eyebrows and on his arm. He has blotchy skin and dimples. Child is bi-racial; he is half black and half white.
Circum: Child was last seen leaving his residence for school at approximately 7:30 a.m. on 2/6/96.

LUISA RODRIGUEZ PINA


Non-family abduction



Missing: 10/05/96 Age Now: 13 Yr
Missing From: OAKLAND, CA Age Disap: 13 Yr
Birth: 03/29/83 Race: WHITE HISP
Sex: F Weight: 130 lbs
Height: 5'4" Eyes: BROWN
Hair: BLACK
Id Info: Child has long hair.
Circum: Child was last seen on October 5, 1996 at the Laney College Flea Market on 5th Street in Oakland, California. She may be in the company of an adult male.

JAMES ADAM TRANHAM


Endangered runaway



Missing: 11/25/96 Age Now: 15 Yr
Missing From: LEWISBURG, TN Age Disap: 15 Yr
Birth: 05/05/81 Race: WHITE
Sex: M Weight: 105 lbs
Height: 5'6" Eyes: BLUE
Hair: L BROWN
Id Info: None available.
Circum: The vehicle the child and his friends were traveling in was found abandoned along the Mexican border near El Paso, Texas. They may have crossed over in to Mexico.

TIFFANY ALEXANDRIA CARTER

Endangered runaway



Missing: 11/25/96 Age Now: 16 Yr
Missing From: LEWISBURG, TN Age Disap: 16 Yr
Birth: 03/02/80 Race: WHITE
Sex: F Weight: 115 lbs
Height: 5'8" Eyes: BLUE
Hair: L BROWN
Id Info: Child has a cut on her left arm near her elbow.
Circum: The vehicle the child and her friends were traveling in was found abandoned along the Mexican border near El Paso, Texas. They may have crossed over in to Mexico.

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Non-family abduction



Missing: 07/25/96 Age Now: 4 Yr
Missing From: GOODLETTSVILLE, TN Age Disap: 3 Yr
Birth: 10/01/92 Race: ASIAN
Sex: F Weight: 30 lbs
Height: 2'8" Eyes: BROWN
Hair: BROWN
Id Info: Child was last seen wearing a blue denim dress, white socks and white canvas shoes.
Circum: Child was last seen in the parking lot of the Rivergate Mall in Goodlettsville, Tennessee.

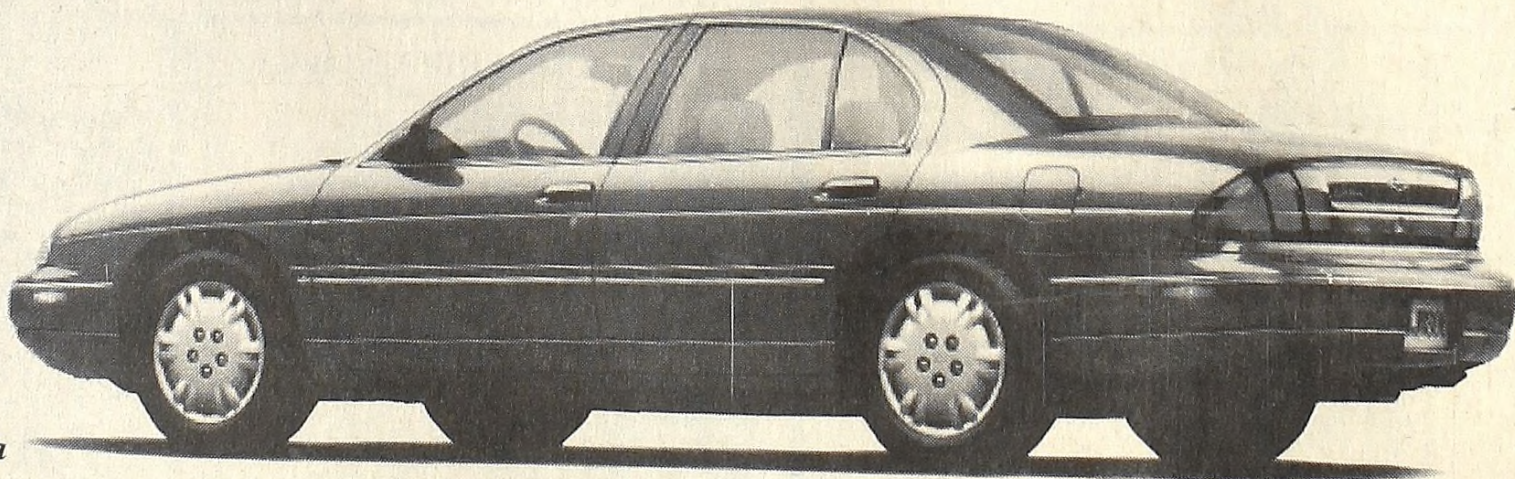
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Wayne stands on doorsteps of a hoop 'tripeat'

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Undefeated Mega Conference Red Division defending champ Wayne Memorial burst past Dearborn Fordson Friday night, after turning back Romulus Tuesday and stands on the doorsteps of a "tripeat" as coach Chuck Henry and the Zebras close in on their third consecutive championship.

Although there were no astonishing upsets last week, Wayne did pull off an astonishing feat - it won three games while playing only two of them.

Wayne trounced Fordson, 82-56, as Lavelle Guess

stepped from the shadows of his twin, Lorenzo, and scored a career-high 28 points. On Tuesday, Wayne erased a highly-touted Romulus 74-63 and is now within four games of a second perfect Red Division season.

Also, Henry was notified last week by the Michigan High School Athletic Association that Detroit Pershing utilized the services of an ineligible player, therefore, Pershing will forfeit their first four games to their opponents, including one to Wayne Memorial for the infraction.

The MHSAA decision boosts Wayne's overall record

"We never recovered from that first period. We just couldn't stop Lorenzo or Lavelle."

- Coach Jeff DelGuidice

to 14-1 on the season. As the week began, the Zebras had a perfect 8-0 conference mark. With four games remaining, and with the rest of the field with at least two losses each, if Wayne defeats Woodhaven tonight and beats Belleville Tuesday, the champs will have their third straight conference title.

Fans should take note that the Woodhaven game was orig-

inally scheduled for Friday night but has been switched for tonight (Thursday) due to a scheduling conflict.

Back to Belleville, a team that beat Romulus by four on Friday and is in the running.

"They (Belleville) know what's at stake," said Henry. "Believe me, they will be superhungry for this one."

Wayne stunned Fordson with a 21-6 first-period. The

Tractors really never fully recovered as Lavelle opened up with an assortment of baskets that provided him with 17 of his game high 28 points in the first half.

Despite taking it on the chin, coach Jeff DelGuidice's team got up and made a game of it in the second quarter. They cut Wayne's lead to 41-29 at the half, but Wayne outscored their conference opponents 23-15 and 18-12 in the final two periods to salt away the victory.

"We never recovered from that first period," said Jeff DelGuidice. "We just couldn't stop Lorenzo or Lavelle."

Lorenzo also hit in two figures. He had 15 points and he rode the Tractors unmercifully on defense, snatching six steals and carding five assists.

"Lorenzo is something else," the Fordson coach added. "He knows this game so well."

Also making his presence felt was Wayne's Richard Rashad who grabbed 11 rebounds and chipped in 12 points - one of his best all-around performance this year.

Fordson's Nick Smith sank 15 points, while Renault Arse-neau and Abdul Haidous each

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Bulldogs blow it at free throw line

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

You can rest assured that Robichaud will be working overtime this week at the free throw line.

The OT comes in the wake of the Bulldogs' horrendous performance Friday night at Willow Run.

The Bulldogs made a measly nine of 20 at the charity stripe, consequently, they paid for their lackadaisical and careless performance with a 63-60 setback at the hands of their former Suburban Athletic Conference opponents.

"We had our opportunities," said Robichaud coach Monte Dennard, "and didn't make good use of them. I felt we could have won it if we had been a little more cautious at the foul line and with our shot selection."

"We were too anxious and paid the price for it."

Robichaud kept the heat up on the hosts and stayed within range to the end. The Flyers grabbed a 18-16 first period lead thanks to an outstanding effort by Jerry Thornton, who scored a game-high 19 points and six assists for the evening.

Robichaud went up by four early in the second quarter as Dervon Gray teamed with Jason Malloy to provide the ammunition to shoot down the Flyers. But an 8-2 run at the end of the initial half lifted Willow Run to a 34-29 lead at the intermission.

Malloy, who scored 13 points and contributed 12 rebounds, came up with a big tap-in that triggered a Bulldog rally which helped the visitors close within a basket (46-44) for three periods, but Thornton and some clutch free throws by the Flyers pulled them out of danger for good.

Willow Run canned 17 of 23 at the foul line.

Gray was the only other player in double figures. He finished with a team high 14 points.

Because of a scheduling

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On the go

Westland John Glenn wraps up the conference Friday night on the home court against Stevenson. The game is an excellent tune up for the conference playoffs, set for next Friday. If the Rockets are to make a title run, they'll have to step up their game a couple of notches and one of the keys to a successful post-season is sophomore guard Reggie Spearmon (above). Conference officials have not announced playoff pairings. Photo by Aaron Ortiz.

Let's face it - John Glenn having one of those off-years

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Let's face it - Westland John Glenn is having an off-season.

It definitely is the season of Glenn coach Mike Schuette's discontent.

How else can one explain the Rockets sudden departure from title orbit and into the black hole of never-never land?

Can anyone explain the inexplicable phenomena against Walled Lake Western?

Up by more than a dozen points with 6:19 left in the game, Glenn was forced to fight for survival and just barely managed to win an 82-81 decision before a partisan Parents' Night crowd.

And they can thank Reggie Spearmon, who came off the bench in the closing seconds and sank a key basket, and Eric Jones who drilled a two-point with 13 seconds left that gave the Westlanders their fifth conference victory.

Boy, bet the parents didn't expect it to end that way.

Then, Friday night, when Glenn had an opportunity to return to the chase, they allowed league-leading Walled Lake Central escape with a crucial 72-54 victory.

The showdown that wasn't was over at the half when Central bolted from a 16-14 lead to a 16-point budge, 35-19, at intermission.

The loss dropped Glenn into third place, two games behind Central and one game behind second-place Plymouth-Salem.

Central managed to break away with a 19-5 run late in the second period that stunned the Rockets as Central's point guard Brad Burlingame had a field day.

Burlingame, with three uncontested treys, scored a game high 29 points to seal Glenn's hopes of an upset. Central remains in command of the conference and its destiny.

The best of the Rockets was Jones who scored 11 points.

The loss dropped Glenn into third place, two games behind Central and one game behind second-place Plymouth-Salem. Coach Mike Schuette's team has a 7-7 overall record.

Jason Crofton came off the bench and tossed in seven points that served as a wake-up call for Glenn, who got off to a slow start against visiting Western last Tuesday. Crofton's layup tied the game at 15. He then proceeded to hit two more

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Hoop hopes dim Plymouth-Salem will need help

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

A phenomenal team effort Friday night at the free throw line and "tough defense" enabled Plymouth-Salem to eke out a close victory over a tenacious, troublesome and upset-minded Livonia Stevenson.

But, despite the hard-fought 51-49 victory over the Spartans and an earlier in the week 76-50 easy one against Churchill, Plymouth-Salem coach Bob Brodie is the first to admit that the conference title appears out of reach.

In the thick of the Western Lakes Conference title chase a couple of weeks ago, the Rocks find themselves a notch below Walled Lake Central which has a one-game cushion over Salem which is seated in second (7-2) and could possibly reach the top but Brodie says they definitely would need some help.

"We need someone to knock off Central, and we also have to win the rest of our games to end up in a two-way tie for the championship. But they (Central) have been playing well. I really can't see that (upset) happening."

"But in this league, anything can happen."

It would have been all over for the Rocks Friday night if it had not been for their sensational clutch shooting at the stripe where they made an incredible 13 or 14 to pull out the victory over the frustrated Spartans.

"We need someone to knock off Central, and we also have to win the rest of our games ..."

- Coach Bob Brodie

It was slow, physical and filled with suspense right to the end.

Salem trailed by three (11-8) at the end of one, and the Rocks also came out on the short end of a 21-20 score at halftime. But Salem refused to quit. The Rocks made their move in the third period and took the lead 36-34 to set up the exciting fourth period.

In the final eight minutes, Andy Power came up with a three-point play and also sank a pair of free throws and accounted for seven of the Rocks' 15 points that sealed the victory over the Spartans.

Salem also received an outstanding performance from 6-8 sophomore center Tony Jancevski, who grabbed seven rebounds and scored nine points.

Stevenson's Ed Szumlanski finished with a game-high 20 points. The Spartans also made a notable 11 of 13 at the foul line.

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4 Wayne wrestlers capture conference titles

Districts are next big test

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Making its inaugural appearance at the Mega Conference White Division wrestling championships, Wayne Memorial finished second-best to Wyandotte in the final team

standings, but not before four members of coach Dave Davis' "Wolfpack" walked off the mats with gold medals.

Wyandotte came away with the conference title for the second consecutive year. The Bruins finished atop of the field with 224 points. Wayne, the Blue Division champ a year ago, made its initial appearance at the White Division tournament and came out second-best. The Mega is a three tier (Red, White and Blue) conference with teams exchanging places according to how well they do in a particular sport.

Wayne grapplers amassed 164.5 points for their second-place trophy.

Davis' Wolfpack had a mere half-point edge over the third-place finishing Melvindale squad (164). Rounding out the field were: Garden City (88), Dearborn Fordson (72), Dearborn Edsel Ford (45.5) and Dearborn (27).

Davis said he was pleased with the overall performance of his team, however, he felt that his wrestlers could have produced more champs.

"Our kids turned in solid performances against tough competition," Davis said. "But

I felt there were some weight classes that did not live up to our expectations. We should have done better."

The four Wayne wrestlers who earned gold medals are: John Nichols (119), Rick Watson (130), George Buckner (215) and William Laramie (heavy-weight).

Wayne also had silver-medalists in Jim Ciwula, who finished second in the 152-pound class; and Pat Grzecki, who earned his silver in the 189-pound class.

Jamah Booze, a 125-

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Romulus in middle of 'Red' pack

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Although they were shut out from coveted golds, Romulus managed to come away with five medals, including three silvers, at the tough Mega Conference Red Division wres-

tling championships staged over the weekend at Southgate Anderson High School.

"I thought we wrestled well," said first-year Romulus coach Vern Logan. "This is a young team, basically made up of freshmen and sophomore talent. They showed a lot of heart against the best in this conference."

Coach Logan and the Eagles on Saturday will travel to Monroe Jefferson to compete in the district phase of the state finals. The Romulus coach believes that at least six of his

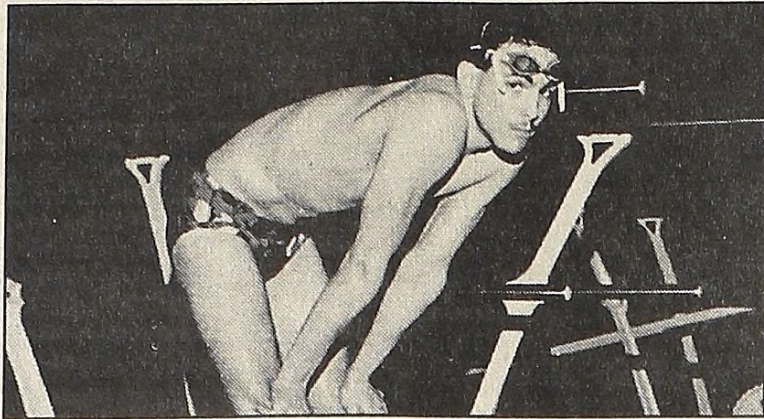
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Merandi qualifies for state

Westland John Glenn may have won the battle, but the Rockets lost the war against North Farmington last week.

Coach Ron Staples' swimmers dominated the three relays events, but they didn't have the depth to secure the team victory as NF surfaced with a 119-66 win over its Western Lakes Conference opponents.

"We packed our relays and hoped that that would be enough to secure this win," said Staples, "but unfortunately we just didn't have enough overall



An outstanding performance in the butterfly by Westland John Glenn's versatile athlete Paul Merandi (on the block) qualified him for the state finals. MCN Special Photo

strength."

Glenn also got an outstanding effort from senior Paul Merandi in the 100-yard butterfly. Although he was touched out at the wall by NF's Steve Duthie (55:12), Merandi's career-best 55:57 in the event gave him sec-

ond and also qualified the versatile Glenn swimmer for the state finals.

The Rockets got off to a fast start as Jim McPartlin, Ryan Zoumaris, Merandi and Bill Cummings were clocked in the winning time of 1:47.50.

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Feb. 22 at the Lange Compound. The offices are located at 6050 Farmington Road, just north of Ford Road.

WYAA have for more than three decades fielded teams and leagues in the following divisions: T-Ball (ages 5-6); Coach-Pitch (7-8); Mustangs

(9-10); Broncos (11-12); Pony (13-14) and Colts (15-16).

In the girls' softball brackets, there is the Shetland (8, 9, 10, 11); Fillies (12,13,14) and Appaloosa (15-18).

There is a registration fee. Players are urged to contact WYAA officials to find out what it will cost them to register in any particular division. Telephone 722-1251 for further information.

WYAA officials also have put out a call for baseball and

softball umpires. The prospective ump has to be at least 16 years old and have some knowledge of the rules.

"We will be conducting workshops for the umps before the season begins," stressed Keith DeMolay, WYAA president. "We have officials on board who are very knowledgeable."

Those interested in officiating summer games are urged to contact John Albrecht after 6 p.m. at 326-8982.

Glenn

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baskets to lift his team to a 24-19 advantage over the visitors.

Though Western refused to quit - they trailed only by four (44-40) at the half, Glenn slowly worked to a 14 point lead before their defense suddenly collapsed.

With 32 seconds left, Central closed to within two, but Reggie Spearmon nailed a short jumper that gave the Rockets some space and

the victory.

Jon Becher had his best night, scoring 17 points while teammate Dave Jarrett finished with 16. Jones chipped in 12 for the Rockets who ran up against an enigmatic Plymouth-Canton on Tuesday.

After a strong start, Canton has faded in the stretch and is now seated in the middle of the Western Lakes Conference pack.

On Friday, Schuette and the Rockets wrap up the regular season at home against a tough just-ask-Bob Brodie (See Related Story on this page) Livonia Stevenson.

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conflict with Highland Park, Robichaud was without an op-

ponent Friday night. However, Dennard's ball club was scheduled to return to action Tuesday night as host to Carlson. Going into the Tuesday night game, the Bulldogs boasted a 11-3 overall record.

On Friday, the Bulldogs will

travel to Ecorse where they should not encounter any problems against the Red Raiders who have only won three games this season.

Wayne

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scored 14 for Fordson.

The Tractors also made 12 of 18 from the free throw line as compared to Wayne's 13 of 16.

Rashad set the tone and the rhythm in Wayne's 74-63 victory over title-hopeful Romulus as the 6-3 senior forward slammed-dunked two big baskets early in the first period as Wayne exploded to a 23-13 lead over the Eagles, then held off any Romulus challenges.

Trailing 41-29 at the half, Romulus managed to come

back and cut Wayne's lead to four with the help of baskets from Brandon DeYampert and Sean Dick. Romulus trailed by seven at the end of three, 54-47.

Lorenzo scored a game high 22 points. Lavelle added 16 points, while Brian Williams finished with 12 and Rodney Hurst scored 10 for the winners.

Dick had 16 points for the Eagles; DeYampert added 15 while Hicks and Kirkland scored 14 and 10.

Both coaches agreed that "it was a great game."

Belleville got Romulus on the rebound Friday night and managed to hold on to win a 76-72 decision before a sellout crowd.

Robert Griffin remained in

the limelight as he turned off Romulus' lights with an outstanding performance. He scored on a short jumper to tie the game with 1:30 left, then came up with the tie-breaker and finished with 22 points, one more than teammate John Edwards.

Edward knocked down 21 points - all from three-point range.

DeYampert led the Eagles with 20 points and Kirkland scored 18 while Dick had 15 to go along with his 12 rebounds. Atkins also was in double figures for Romulus. He drilled 13 points for the Eagles who hit on 59 percent (13 of 22) from the free throw line as compared to the Tigers' seven of 13.

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pounder, and Sean McInerney, who wrestled at 160, finished third in their respective weight classes.

Wayne and Davis now turn their sights on the district tournament which got underway last night.

Wayne was designated as one of the hosts schools for a

district wrestle-down. The Wolfpack was to wrestle natural rival, Westland John Glenn, then take on the survivor of the Plymouth-Canton vs. Plymouth-Salem match.

On Saturday, the state will host the individual phase of the district championships. Most local Class A teams have been assigned to the Temperance-Bedford district.

In order to qualify for the regionals, the next phase of the state championships,

wrestlers must finish in the top four of their weight class.

In his second year as head coach, Davis finished with an impressive 18-4-1 overall record.

"Our kids worked hard to get to this point," Davis stressed. "I am confident that some of these kids will advance to the state and beyond. And I feel that we have a good shot at winning our district title."

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team members have a good chance of surviving the districts and advancing to the state regionals.

Top prospects for district honors include 152-pounder Mike Hatfield and his brother Steve (125). Also, Alex Hance, a 140-pounder, and Charles Thompson, who will compete at 189, along with Nate Thomas (145) could finish among the top four in their weight classes at the district, according to their coach.

Southgate Anderson, a pe-

If they do, they will earn a return trip to Monroe Jefferson, which will also host the regional championships.

The Eagles have two other excellent prospects in the district wrestle-downs. They are 171-pounder Matt Gibbons and 119-pounder Billy Chapman.

At the annual Red Division championships last week, Mike Hatfield earned a silver medal in the 152-pound class. Miller (215) and Thompson (189) also were runners-up in their weight classes.

Romulus also had a pair of bronze-medalists in Hance (140) and Gibbons (171).

Southgate Anderson, a pe-

rennial state wrestling power retained the Mega Conference Red Division crown thanks to a team total of 212 points. Trenton was second with 174, while Carlson finished third (124).

Romulus edged natural rival Belleville for the fourth-place berth by one point (92-91). Monroe and Lincoln Park also were represented at the championship.

Romulus was scheduled to compete for the district team championships last night at Allen Park. The winner of the match will wrestle Dearborn Divine Child in the finals. DC drew a bye in the first round.

Salem

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Salem jumped on Churchill early as the Rocks built up a 24-4 first period lead and in-

creased the margin to 39-20 before the half, then coasted to a 26-point (76-50) victory over the hapless Chargers.

All 11 Salem players found their way into the scoring column. Jeff McKian led all scorers with 17 points. Jancevski added 12.

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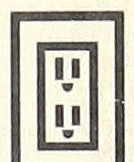
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BOLLINGER, PHILIPINA
Age 87, of Westland, passed away Feb. 3, 1997. She is survived by daughters LaVema, Marveline and Sandra, sons Raymond, Glenn, Lenhart, Veral, and Wayne. Also by 29 grandchildren, 36 great grandchildren, 2 sisters, and 3 brothers. Services were held Feb. 7 at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. David Bonde officiating. Interment was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. Arrangements by Uht Funeral Home.

BONGIORNO, JOSEPH
Age 48, of Belleville, passed away Feb. 5, 1997. Beloved husband of Mary (Speir). Dear father of Joseph Jr. and Philip (Julie). Son of Antonio and Annie. Also grandfather of 1 grandson and brother to 2 siblings. Mass was Feb. 8 at St. Anthony Catholic Church with Father Thomas Cusick as celebrant. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home.

CHILSON, SHARON M.
Age 52, of Bloomingdale

(formerly of Wayne), passed away February 8, 1997. Dear mother of Patrick (Cheryl) and Sandra (John). Daughter of Ella LaForge and the late Roy. Also surviving are 2 sisters, 1 brother and 5 grandchildren. Services were held on Feb. 11 at David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville with interment at Union-Dell Cemetery in Ypsilanti.

DUFORD, DAVID W.
Age 48, of Harrison (formerly of Belleville), died Feb. 3, 1997. He is survived by wife, Pauline (Ostrander), step-children, Tony, Jon, Jai, Mindy, Kerry, Jason and Star, 1 sister and 2 grandchildren. Services were held Feb. 7 at Belleville Presbyterian Church with Rev. Deborah Kerr officiating. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home.

EKLUND, ROBERT G.
Age 69, of Adrian (formerly of Wayne), passed away Feb. 1, 1997. He is survived by his wife, Arlene, daughters, Molly (Herman), Cheryl, and Kristen, 2 sisters, 3 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Services were held Feb. 6 at St. Stephen Evangelical Lutheran Church, Adrian. Arrangements by Everiss-Wagley Funeral Home.

GOTTS, CLAYTON
Age 88, from Plymouth, passed away Feb. 3, 1997. He is survived by son Earl and 3 grandchildren. Services were held Feb. 5, with interment of cremains at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Arrangements by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home.

GRAVES, MARION E.
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GUIDEAU CHARLES J.
Age 86, of Plymouth, passed away February 8, 1997. Survived by wife Juliet (Judy), children Charlene (Edward), Donna (Michael), Gayle (James), Charles (Shawn), Donald, Scott (Carrie) and Curt (April). Also survived by 15 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Services were held Feb. 11 with at Mass at Divine Savior Catholic Church with arrangements by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth.

HODGDON, HAROLD E.
Age 84 passed away Feb. 1, 1997. Dear husband of Gertrude, beloved father of Barbara and grandfather to 3 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Services were held Feb. 3 at St. Theodore Catholic Church with interment at Parkview Memorial. Arrangements by Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home.

HOEFT, ODALEE M.
Age 76, of Belleville, passed away Feb. 7, 1997. Beloved wife of Robert. Dear mother of Robert.

Ronald, Cathy (Joseph), Christine (Darwin) and Cynthia (Christopher). She is also survived by 4 grandchildren, 5 brothers, 3 sisters and 2 aunts. Services were held at St. Anthony Catholic Church with arrangements by the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

KEHN, MARIE B.
Age 84, of Westland, passed away Feb. 4, 1997. She is survived by sons Norbert (Theresa) and Robert (Suzanne), 2 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, 2 sisters and 1 brother. Services were held Feb. 6 at St. Richard Catholic Church with interment at St. Hedwig Cemetery. Arrangements by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home.

MOSIER, LORRAINE
Age 66, of Westland, passed away February 7, 1997. Loving wife of James, dear mother of Lillian, Dorothy, Janet, Darlene, Terry, Dale and the late Paul. Also survived by 5 sisters, 2 brothers, 13 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter. The family suggests memorials to any children's fund. Services were held Feb. 10 at Uht Funeral Home in Westland. Cremation rites were accorded.

RIETZ, AUGUST C.
Age 69, of Wayne, passed away Feb. 1, 1997. Dear father of son Dale and daughters, Denise, Debra, and Dianne. Also grandfather to 9 grandchildren. Cremation Rites have been accorded. Arrangements by Evergreen Staples Funeral Chapel.

TATRO, TERRY D.
Age 44, of Canton, passed away February 7, 1997. Survived by his mother Jo Marie Cavers, Father Frank Grubbs, Son John, Daughter Cathy Dixon, 1 brother, and 7 grandchildren. Services were held at Uht Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev. Robert Millar Officiating.

WALL, BERNICE M.
Age 72, of Inkster, passed away Feb. 3, 1997. She is survived by brothers Marvin and John and several nieces and nephews. Services were held Feb. 5 with interment at Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia. Arrangements by Uht Funeral Home.

WESSLING, GEORGE N.
Age 78, of Belleville, passed away Feb. 1, 1997. Dear father of Thomas (Karen), Linda (Robert), Susan (Richard), Mark (Patricia) and Jane (Jesse). Beloved grandfather to 13 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Services were held Feb. 4. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home.

WRIGHT, MELISSA R.
Age 19, of Westland, passed away Feb. 4, 1997. She is survived by parents David and Glenda, sister Jessica, grandparents Glenn & Lorraine and Donald & Roberta. Services were held Feb. 7 at Uht Funeral Home. Arrangements by Uht Funeral Home.

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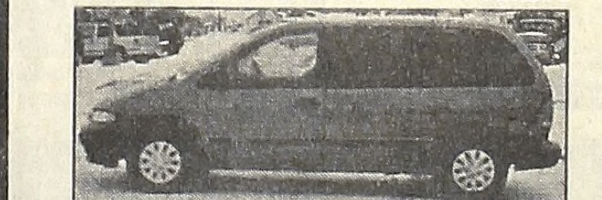
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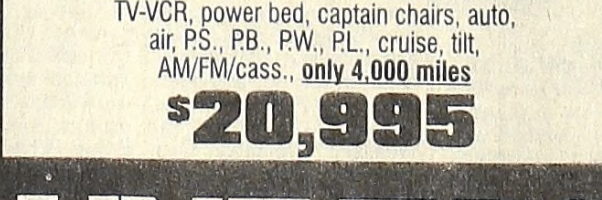
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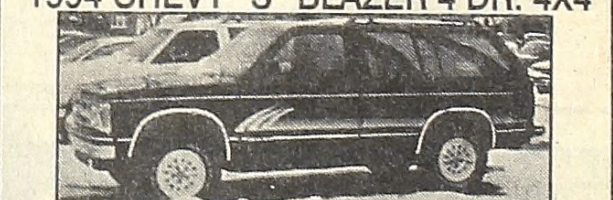
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By KAREN STRONSKI
MCN Automotive Writer

For those drivers who like to feel more "in touch" with the driving experience, a manual transmission is now available to stir through the engine's new torque curve. Add a new aerodynamic bumper assembly and a hood scoop and it takes just one quick glimpse at the 1997 Legacy to see that this all-wheel drive Subaru uses its traction for pure driving pleasure.

Just introduced last year, the all-wheel drive 1997 Subaru Legacy 2.5 GT delivers more horsepower and torque than most cars in its class. The ride is smooth and the response time is quick. It handles the road with confidence like an NBA forward with new court shoes.

I really enjoyed driving this car. It was very youthful looking. The sport appearance was a plus. The exterior had ground effects in the front, side and rear as well as fog lamps...

The power of this GT amazed me. It has a 2.5 liter four cylinder, horizontally opposed boxer engine, 16 valve 165 horsepower at 5600 rpm's. All penned up under the aerodynamically designed hood with scoop, which gave it a very sporty look.

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I really enjoyed driving this car. It was very youthful looking. The sport appearance was a plus. The exterior had ground effects in the front, side and rear as well as fog lamps, body colored power side mirrors, power moonroof and a real spoiler.

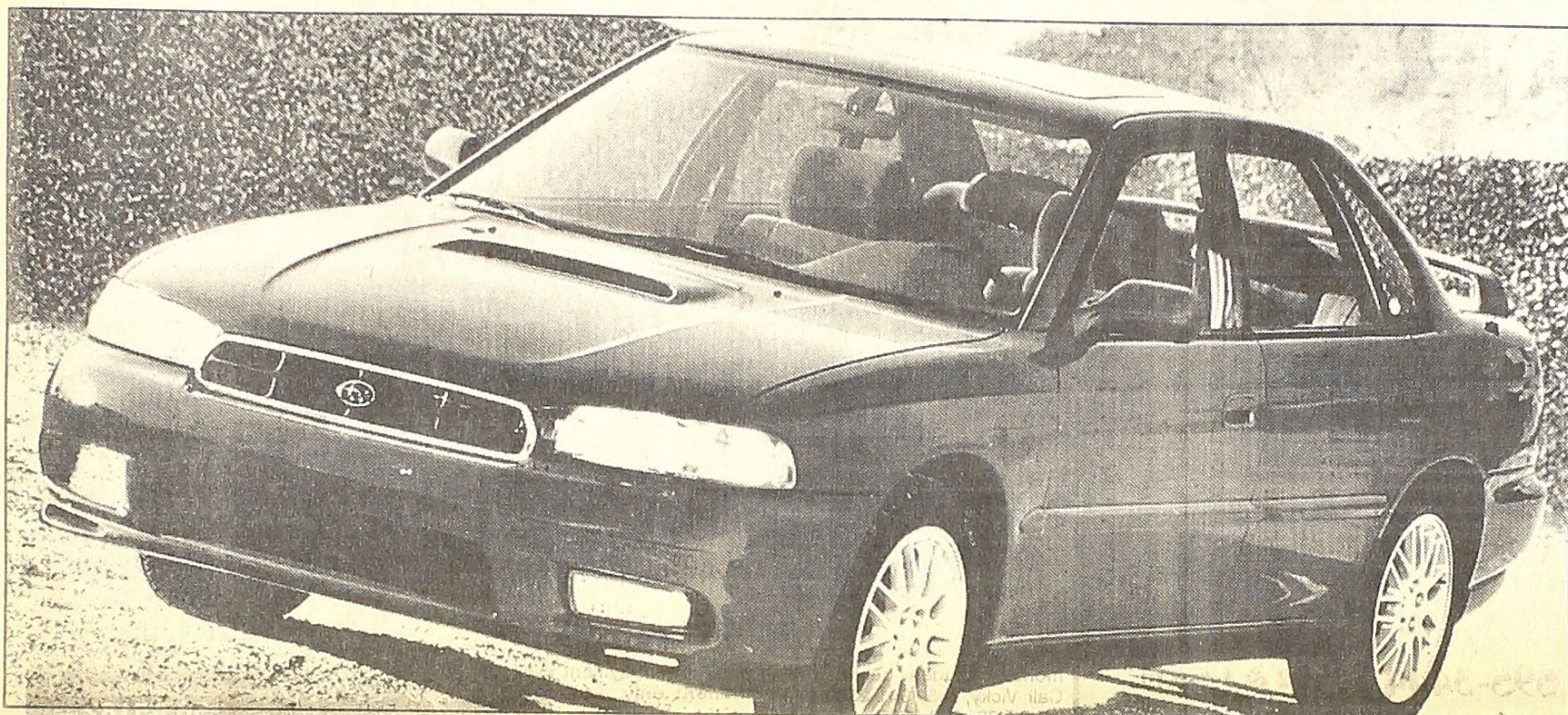
The interior of the auto had an adjustable drivers seat with lumbar support, leather wrapped steering wheel and shift knob, intermittent wipers, lighted vanity mirrors, velour upholstery, and replicated wood veneer on the power window switches. I wonder why they did that? If

you ask me it looked so tacky. Either use it all over or not at all, but it really seemed out of place.

The seating and roominess for both driver, front and rear passengers was plentiful. Room for at least five to sit comfortably. However, I found the clutch to be far too close to the brake pedal. And what about a place to put your garbage? Don't you people at Subaru believe in ashtrays anymore? The stereo was adequate. Nothing to write home about!

Gas mileage you ask, well not bad. I guess it could have been better at 21 miles per gallon city and 25 highway. The standard price on this car is \$22,795, as tested at \$23,364. I consider this to be inexpensive for everything that comes standard. It ranks right up there with the Eagle Talon, Mitsubishi Eclipse and Ford Probe except it's a sedan. Which has more conveniences.

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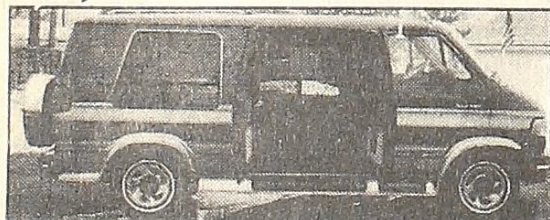
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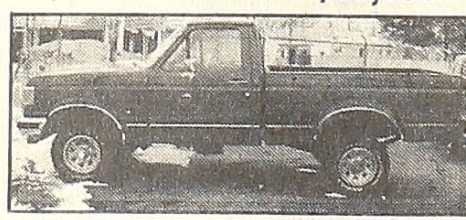
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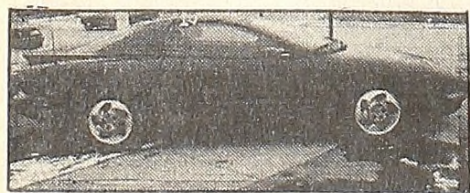
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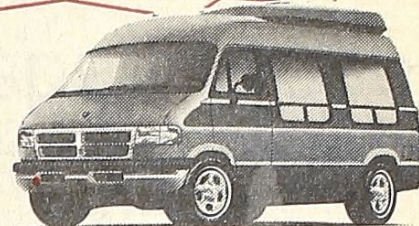
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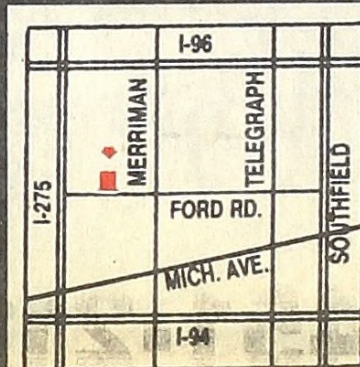
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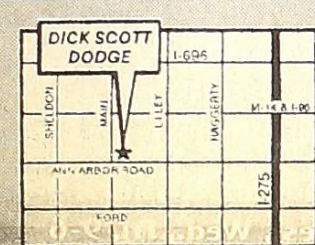
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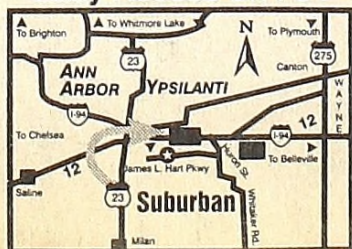
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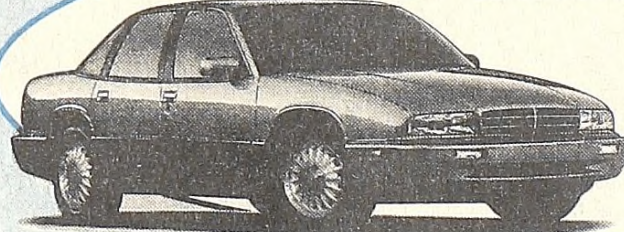


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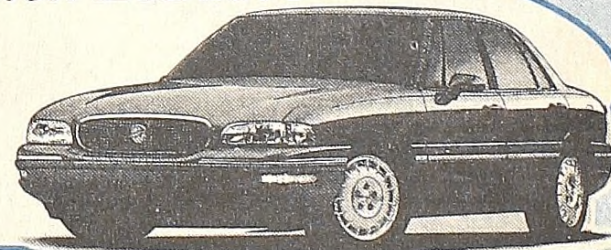
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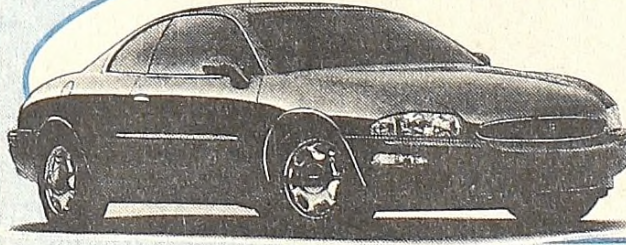


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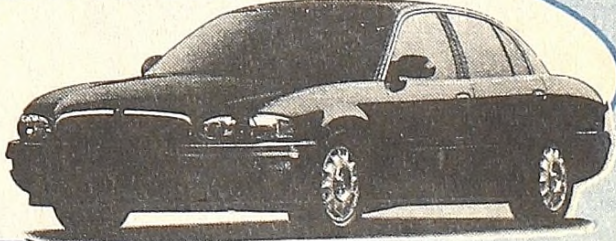


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